Subdivided Module Catalogue
for the Subject

Business Management and Economics

as a minor in a Bachelor’s degree programme
(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2008
Responsible: Faculty of Business Management and Economics
Course of Studies - Contents and Objectives

The bachelor degree programme Business Management and Economics is offered by both departments of the faculty - the Department of Business Management and the Department of Economics. The bachelor degree programme Business Management and Economics mediates knowledge in Business Management and Economics, familiarizing students with the methods of academic work and qualifying them to work in an academic, independent and problem-solving manner. The course imparts the know-how about relevant academic theories, models and methods, and enhances the theoretical and analytical ability to reason as well as the ability to conceptualize in coherent structures. Further, through their autonomous work the students learn to order the academic results in a critical manner and to act responsibly.
Abbreviations used

Course types: **E** = field trip, **K** = colloquium, **O** = conversatorium, **P** = placement/lab course, **R** = project, **S** = seminar, **T** = tutorial, **Ü** = exercise, **V** = lecture

Term: **SS** = summer semester, **WS** = winter semester

Methods of grading: **NUM** = numerical grade, **B/NB** = (not) successfully completed

Regulations: **(L)ASPO** = general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), **FSB** = subject-specific provisions, **SFB** = list of modules

Other: **A** = thesis, **LV** = course(s), **PL** = assessment(s), **TN** = participants, **VL** = prerequisite(s)

Conventions

Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

Notes

Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should the module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

In accordance with

the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

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associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):


This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.
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**Contents**

Content: This course will introduce students to principles of financial mathematics, several methods of capital budgeting and principles of financial economics.

Outline of syllabus:
1. Principles of financial mathematics
2. Conceptual fundamentals
3. Problems of investment and finance in one commodity world under certainty
4. Problems of investment and finance in one commodity world under uncertainty
5. Problems of investment and finance in many commodities world under uncertainty
6. Capital market and corporate financing in Germany

**Intended learning outcomes**

After completing the course "Principles of Investments and Finance", the students will be able
1. to understand the fundamentals in financial mathematics and solve several problems, e.g. via the PV approach;
2. to address the central problems in intertemporal allocation given different capital market scenarios;
3. to budget and calculate the optimal useful life given static and dynamic investment approaches under the consideration of several other investment opportunities and the capital market scenario, especially the influence of taxes.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

written examination (60 minutes)

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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**Referred to in LPO I** (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module title
Introduction to Market-Oriented Management

Abbreviation
12-Mark-G-082-m01

Module coordinator
holder of the Chair of Business Management and Marketing

Module offered by
Faculty of Business Management and Economics

ECTS
5

Method of grading
numeral grade

Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
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Duration
1 semester

Module level
undergraduate

Other prerequisites
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Contents

Description
In this module, students will acquire the theoretical foundations of market-oriented management.

Content:
With the stakeholder approach as a starting point, the basic design of market-oriented management will be explained and exemplified in the 5 classical steps: situation analysis, objectives, strategies, tools and controlling. The course will focus not only on the behavioural approaches of consumer behaviour but also on industrial purchasing behaviour. A case study introducing students to the fundamental principles of market research based on a conjoint analysis will provide students with deeper insights into the topic.

Outline of syllabus:
1. Marketing, entrepreneurship and business management
2. Explanations of consumer behaviour
3. Fundamentals of market research
4. Strategic marketing; marketing tools
5. Corporate social responsibility versus creating shared value

Reading:

Intended learning outcomes
The students have a basic understanding of business management and are able to classify the knowledge systematically. In addition, they can use the acquired knowledge solve and identify the conventional problem fields of business management.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

Allocation of places

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### Module title
Supply, Production and Operations Management. An Introduction

### Abbreviation
12-BPL-G-082-m01

### ECTS
5

### Method of grading
numerical grade

### Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
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### Duration
1 semester

### Module level
undergraduate

### Other prerequisites
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### Contents
This course will provide students with an overview of fundamental processes in procurement, production and logistics and the related corporate functions as well as a model-based introduction to related planning procedures.

### Intended learning outcomes
The students will be able to describe and discuss the objectives and major processes in the domains of corporate procurement, production and logistics as well as their interdependencies. Furthermore, they are capable of developing and applying basic planning models in these fields.

### Courses
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### Method of assessment
written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

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### Contents

**Content:**
This course offers an introduction to aims and methods of managerial accounting (cost accounting).

**Outline of syllabus:**
1. Managerial accounting and financial accounting
2. Managerial accounting: basic terms
3. Different types of costs
4. Cost centre accounting based on total costs
5. Job costing based on total costs
6. Cost centre accounting and job costing based on direct/variable costs
7. Budgeting and cost-variance analysis
8. Cost-volume-profit analysis
9. Cost information and operating decisions

**Reading:**
Friedl/Hofmann/Pedell: Kostenrechnung. Eine entscheidungsorientierte Einführung.

(most recent editions)

### Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course "Management Accounting and Control", the students will be able to
(i) set out the responsibilities of the company's internal accounting and control;
(ii) define the central concepts of internal enterprise computing restriction and control and assign case studies the terms;
(iii) apply the basic methods of internal corporate accounting and control on a full and cost base to idealized case studies of medium difficulty that calculate relevant costs and benefits and take on this basis a reasoned decision.

### Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

### Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

### Allocation of places

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**Contents**
This course offers an introduction to the fundamentals of financial accounting, including the technique of double-entry book-keeping as well as the fundamentals of recognition, valuation and presentation of assets, liabilities and equity according to German commercial law.

**Intended learning outcomes**
Students acquire a basic understanding of the fundamentals of financial accounting. They are able to arrange, reproduce and apply this knowledge, i.e. they are able to solve simple accounting problems.

**Courses**
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

**Method of assessment**
written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

**Allocation of places**
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**Referred to in LPO I** (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)
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Module title | Abbreviation
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Introduction to Business Administration | 12-EBWL-G-082-m01

Module coordinator | Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Human Resource Management and Organisation | Faculty of Business Management and Economics

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This course will introduce students to relevant subject areas of business administration. Students will acquire an overview of the different perspectives and main points of view from which a theoretical examination of business enterprise may take place. The course will focus on what companies or other organisations are, how they behave and in what form they are organised. For this purpose, a study will be made of the economic subject's decision-making behaviour.

Reading list to be provided during lecture.

Intended learning outcomes

The aim of the lectures is to familiarise the students with the basic problem issues and perspectives within the field of business administration.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

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Module title
Introduction to Economics

Abbreviation
12-EVWL-G-082-m01

Module coordinator
holder of the Chair of Monetary Policy and International Economics

Module offered by
Faculty of Business Management and Economics

ECTS
5

Method of grading
numerical grade

Duration
1 semester

Module level
undergraduate

Other prerequisites
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Contents
The course deals with the following topics:
1. Economics shows how markets function
2. The division of labour is the basis of our wealth
3. The market in action
4. Monopolies and cartels endanger market economies
5. The labour market and the role of unions
6. The government’s role in a social market economy
7. Governmental redistribution guarantees the social balance in a market economy
8. Environmental policy and the government’s allocation function
9. Objectives and agents in the macro economy
10. How do aggregate supply and demand come into equilibrium?
11. The role of fiscal policy
12. How does a central bank stabilise aggregate demand by setting interest rates?

Intended learning outcomes
By completing this course, students receive a fundamental understanding of economics. Students are able to grasp microeconomic as well as macroeconomic subjects and to analyze them in theoretical models.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)
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Module title: Macroeconomics 1
Abbreviation: 12-Mak1-G-082-m01

Module coordinator: holder of the Chair of International Macroeconomics
Module offered by: Faculty of Business Management and Economics

ECTS: 5
Method of grading: numerical grade
Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
Duration: 1 semester
Module level: undergraduate
Other prerequisites: --

Contents

Description:
This module covers basic macroeconomic relationships, the declaration of employment, production, interest, current and capital account, nominal and real exchange rate, prices and inflation - in the long run (with flexible wages and prices) and in the short term (with fixed wages and prices). The course will familiarise students with concepts which are of central importance in a globalised environment (e.g. interest rate arbitrage, foreign exchange risk, purchasing power parity). The explanations will be applied to current issues (e.g. current account balances in the global economy; questions related to the European monetary union and the global financial crisis).

Outline of syllabus:
1. Macroeconomic issues and characteristics
   - Issues of macroeconomics
   - The measurement of economic activity
2. Long-term relationships
   - The classic long-term model of the closed economy
   - Money and Inflation
   - The classic long-term model of a small open economy
3. Short and medium-term relationships
   - Fluctuations of economic activity: an introduction
   - The IS-LM model of a closed economy
   - The IS-LM model of an open economy
   - Aggregate supply and Phillips curve
   - Conclusion and outlook

Reading:
The latest editions of the following textbooks:
N. Gregory Mankiw: Macroeconomics [students are recommended to read the original English edition; they may also read the German translation]
Olivier Blanchard and David H. Johnson, Macroeconomics Prentice Hall; [a German-language edition of the book by Oliver Blanchard and Gerhard Illing is available from Pearson Studium].
Michael Burda and Charles Wyplosz: Macroeconomics. A European text.
To illustrate the lecture, case studies in particular will be developed in which more current sources are used.

Intended learning outcomes
This expertise enables the students to penetrate economically-intuitively and analytically macroeconomic interactions and problems in the course of advancing globalization and to deal with these arguments. Students learn to interpret on a scientific basis the impact of macroeconomic developments in individual economic actors (businesses, households, the state).

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
### Method of assessment
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| written examination (approx. 60 minutes) |

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**Description:**
The lecture provides an introduction to long run or dynamic issues of macroeconomic theory and policy.

**Contents:**
1. Phillips curve and dynamic model
2. Growth theory and policy
3. Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomics
4. Macroeconomic policy

Lecture notes to be provided by Chair.

### Intended learning outcomes

After completing the course "Makroökonomie 2" students are familiar with the most important concepts of growth theory, they know the microeconomic foundations of modern macroeconomic theory and understand the intertemporal budget constraint of the government. Therefore they are able to discuss the growth and distributional consequences of policy reforms by applying simple economic models.

### Courses

**Type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German**

V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

### Method of assessment

**Type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus**

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

### Allocation of places

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Outline of syllabus:
1. Cost minimisation
2. Profit maximisation and the supply function
3. Short-run market equilibrium
4. Long-run market equilibrium
5. Government interventions
6. Monopoly
7. Pricing strategies with market power
8. Introduction to game theory
9. Strategic interaction and oligopoly

**Intended learning outcomes**

The aim of the course is to understand how markets work. We will investigate the behavior of a company in different market structures; namely perfectly competitive markets, monopoly markets and all forms in between, the so-called oligopoly markets. Ultimately, we are interested in whether the market results from a social point of view is desirable. Using our models, we will also try to analyze the consequences of different government interventions. The knowledge that students gain in this course will be in their future course of studies of benefits to them. In almost all business and economics lectures markets play a role. It also discussed in detail how economic actors make their decisions. Students will thus learn the important building blocks of economic thought. This knowledge will also be useful in the workplace and even in their private lives.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

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**Additional information**

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Module title: Introduction to Economic Policy
Abbreviation: 12-WiPo-G-082-m01

Module coordinator: holder of the Chair of Economic Order and Social Policy
Module offered by: Faculty of Business Management and Economics

ECTS: 5
Method of grading: numerical grade
Duration: 1 semester
Module level: undergraduate

Other prerequisites: Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

Contents

Description:
The course consists of six chapters. The first chapter illustrates what economists have in mind when referring to the term "economic policy" and discusses its objectives, means and institutions. The following chapters deal with the objectives that are set out in the German "Gesetz zur Förderung der Stabilität und des Wachstums der Wirtschaft" ("Law for Promoting Stability and Growth of the Economy") of 1967. Each chapter uses current macroeconomic data to evaluate the degree to which the particular objective is achieved, discusses the reasons of possible problems and demonstrates actions the government may take to cure the problems.

Outline of syllabus:
1. Introduction
   - What is "Economic Policy"?
   - Objectives of economic policy
   - Instruments of economic policy
   - Institutions of economic policy
2. Full employment
   - Empirics: The status quo of the labour market
   - Reasons for unemployment
   - Cure for labour market problems
3. Price level stability
   - Empirics: inflation, deflation or price stability?
   - Reasons for inflation and deflation
   - Cure for price instability
   - The contradicting relationship between full employment and stable prices
4. Business cycles and economic growth
   - Empirics: current situation of the world economy and long-term economic growth
   - Reasons for cyclical fluctuations and determinants of economic growth
   - Cure for macroeconomic instabilities and means to facilitate economic growth
5. Balance in foreign trade
   - Empirics: balances of payments of Germany, Europe and the World
   - Reasons for macroeconomic imbalances
   - Cure for instabilities in foreign trade
6. Income distribution
   - Empirics: the distribution of incomes and its historical development
   - Reasons for an increase in income inequality
   - Cure for inequality and redistribution

Intended learning outcomes

The students gain a basic understanding of the role of the state in national and international economies. Based on a number of macroeconomic models (AS/AD, IS/LM, Phillips curve, labor market equilibria, Solow model, Beveridge curve, etc.), students study the ability of the state to influence national and global economies. Students learn to assess in which situations such influence can be welfare-enhancing and under which circumstances governmental interventions may be harmful. After successful completion of the course, students are able to analyze concrete economic situations and to develop policy options of the state. In addition, students have learned to assess the situation of a country on the basis of empirical macroeconomic data and to explain the particular problems based on different models.
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The lecture covers the following topics

Theory of the household:

1. Utility maximisation under constraints
2. Comparative statics
3. Income and substitution effects
4. Labour supply
5. Intertemporal consumption / savings decisions

Theory of the firm:

6. Production functions (technology)
7. Profit maximisation
8. Long run versus short run cost minimisation
9. Supply of goods

## Intended learning outcomes

Students are systematically trained in microeconomic methods relevant in household and firm theory. Accordingly, they will know how to solve optimization problems under constraints. These scientific methods will serve as useful in many fields of specialization in economics and business administration. In particular, students know analytically how to analyze the impact of changes in the economic environment, e.g., wages, interest rates, income on individual decision making.

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