

Seminar Paper: Three Topics to be chosen from: Labour Economics, Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, International Economics or Environmental Economics. (F000542)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 6.0

Study time 180 h

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

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offering

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

labour economics, macroeconomics, monetary economics, international economics, environmental economics

Position of the course

The purpose of the course is that students choose two subjects out of a list of five (labour economics, macroeconomics, monetary economics, international economics, environmental economics). The students will work individually or in small groups and under direct guidance of the professor responsible for the subject concerned.

They will have to analyse an economic problem thoroughly, report their findings in a paper and present the findings to the rest of the group. Students will be subdivided in small groups that have to work on a specific economic problem. The problems are related to subjects that have been touched upon in other courses and that are now deeper analysed by the students themselves, but under direction of the professor and the scientific team. The economic problems analysed can vary year by year. It is the intention that the students use knowledge and abilities acquired during the bachelor programme to conduct independent and scientific (hence critical) research. In this way they will acquire the skill to analyse and solve problems in a scientific manner. At the same time students will have to collaborate with different teams of students and will need to write down and present their findings appropriately and convincingly. This enhances the students' communicative skills and their ability to work in team.

Contents

The content depends on the chosen subjects and the actual economic situation. For each subject the students will have to write a paper and present and defend their findings to the group of all students.

Initial competences

Closely related to the final competences of other courses, namely economics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, labour economics, banking and finance, monetary economics, international economics, public finance, econometrics and environmental economics.

Final competences

1 Critically analyze actual economic problems with a team of student or individually.

- 2 Connect actual economic problems within academic literature.
- 3 Develop solutions to economic problems based on own and existing academic research.
- 4 Communicate results in a clear manner, both orally (in the form of a presentation) and written form (in the form of a paper).
- 5 Respectfully deal with other perspectives and viewpoints in the face of one's own research.
- 6 Assessing the impact of economic decisions on social issues.
- 7 The student can critically evaluate digital information sources for relevance, reliability, and validity, and uses them responsibly.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Students are directed in small groups by the professor and the scientific team.
Students present and defend their subjects to the other students.

Study material

None

References

Depends on the chosen subjects.

Course content-related study coaching

Interim feedback will be provided.

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period****Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Participation, Presentation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Permanent evaluation of the paper and the presentation by the professor concerned.

Calculation of the examination mark

Permanent evaluation (100%).

A student can not pass this course if for one of the three subjects less than eight out of twenty is achieved. In the case that the average score over the three subjects is still equal or above 10 out of twenty in this case, the grade will be brought back to 9 out of twenty.