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Introduction to the Master Program „Economic Policy Analysis“

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1. EPA Counselling



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Chair of Applied Economics:

- On the Master level we teach Evidence-Based Policy Analysis and Population and Family Economics.
- We focus on empirical research with an interest in a wide variety of topics (Economics of Crime, Migration, Health, Population...).



2. Requirements of the study program

Semester			
1.	2.	3.	4.
Econometrics 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Master Thesis Final Seminar + Master's Thesis 30 CP
Microeconomic Analysis 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	
Macroeconomic Analysis 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Supplement Module 5 CP	
Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Supplement Module 5 CP	Supplement Module 5 CP	
Compulsory Elective Module (in Specialization) 5 CP	Compulsory Elective Module Seminar 10 CP	Compulsory Elective Module Seminar 10 CP	
Supplement Module 5 CP			

[Link: Tentative Class Schedule Winter Semester 2023/234](#)



2. Requirements of the study program

→ European Credit Transfer System – ECTS

- 1 CP = 30 hours of work
- 5 CPs = 150 hours of work
- Typically credit hours are divided in presence hours (e.g. lectures) and learning hours.
- SWS = SemesterWochenStunde (SemesterWeekHour) = 45 minutes
- One teaching block = 2 SWS = $2 * 45$ minutes = 90 minutes
= 1 lecture/tutorial



2. Requirements of the study program

- Registration period for exams: November 15 until November 30.2023
- It is a strict deadline. A registration afterwards is not possible.
- Withdrawal from exams: Up until three days before the exam.
- Seminars and Projects: see specific chair guidelines

- Informative event: **Modalities of the examination System and the Recognition at the FEM**
 - **Friday, 10.11.2023, 13:00-15:00 via Zoom**
 - **Zoom-Link:** <https://ovgu.zoom.us/j/64072980658>
 - Meeting-ID: 640 7298 0658
 - Code: 080938

2. Requirements of the study program

- Failed Compulsory Modules can be repeated no more often than twice
 - A passed exam can not be repeated again (§21 study and examination regulation)
- Compulsory Electives and Supplement Modules do not need to be repeated
 - Multiple attempts are not limited to three attempts as for compulsory
 - Exception: Only 2 retakes for seminars with 10 ECTS
- The writing of the Master Thesis can only be repeated once
 - The same topic can not be used twice
 - After failure the second attempt has to be written in the subsequent semester
 - You can choose another chair for the second attempt

For further information please check the [Study and Examination Regulation!](#)



Compulsory Elective Modules in Specialization (preliminary)

① Compulsory Elective Modules in Specialization

Lecture	Type	Department
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 4 SWS Hoffmann	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy
Advanced Labor Economics (20628) 2 SWS Knabe	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Evaluation of Macro-Finance Policies 2 SWS Tonzer	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Makroökonomik
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Vollstädt	Übung (Ü)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Brosig-Koch	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Financial Stability and Banking Regulation (22974) 2 SWS Ludolph	Vorlesung (V)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
Financial Stability and Banking Regulation (22974) 2 SWS Ludolph	Übung (Ü)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
Introduction to Experiment Design with zTree (22991) 4 SWS Brosig-Koch, Schuchardt	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Microeconomic Tools for Labor Market Research and Policy Evaluation (21946) 2 SWS Diegmann, Müller	Vorlesung (V)	Professorship of Economics, Productivity and Innovations
Modelling and Solving Optimization Problems 2 SWS Friedrich	Übung (Ü)	Institute of Mathematical Optimization (IMO)
Modelling and Solving Optimization Problems 2 SWS Friedrich	Vorlesung (V)	Institute of Mathematical Optimization (IMO)
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Hielscher	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Sadrieh	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Seminar: Applied Behavioral Social Policy 4 SWS Brosig-Koch	Seminar (S)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Seminar: Empirical Research in Public Economics using Stata 4 SWS Knabe, Borah	Seminar (S)	Department of Economics, Public Economics
Seminar: Fintechs and digitalization of banking (23104) 3 SWS Li	Seminar (S)	Juniorprofessorship of Financial Economics
Seminar: Verhaltensökonomische Erklärungen von Fake News, Verschwörungstheorien und verzerrter Information (23253) 3 SWS Bershadskey	Seminar (S)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy
Verhaltensökonomik (50010) 2 SWS Weimann	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy
Verhaltensökonomik (50010) 1 SWS Bershadskey	Übung (Ü)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy

Selection for the current semester!!!

Up to four modules in German language are allowed to be chosen within the program (§8 (4) study and examination regulation).



Compulsory Elective Module Seminars

- Seminar participation is possible after the first semester
- Every student is entitled to two seminars
 - Students who still need to take seminars are prioritized compared to students who would like to take a third seminar
- In January 2024 there will be an E-Mail that will inform you about the application procedure for seminars in the upcoming semester. To get the E-Mail you need to be enrolled in the E-Learning course
 - Planung FWW Wintersemester 2023/24 // 2023/24 FEM Winter Semester Plan
 - Applications are then handed in directly at the chairs of interest



Supplement Modules (preliminary)

Selection for the current semester!!!

① Compulsory Elective Modules in Supplements

Lecture	Type	Department
Advanced Game Theory (22706) 4 SWS Hoffmann	Vorlesung/Übung (V/Ü)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy
Besteuerung von Umwandlungen (22830) 2 SWS Holle	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Computational Transportation (22966) 2 SWS Ackva	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Management Science
Computational Transportation (22966) 2 SWS Ulmer	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Management Science
Corporate Governance, Compliance und Konzernrecht (20309) 2 SWS Burgard	Vorlesung (V)	Chair of Law and Economics
Downside Risk (22220) 2 SWS Reichling	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Banking and Finance
Downside Risk (22220) 2 SWS Dreusch	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Banking and Finance
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Vollstädt	Übung (Ü)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Experiments in Behavioral Social Policy (23252) 2 SWS Brosig-Koch	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Grundzüge der Abgabenordnung und des Erb- und Schenkungssteuerrechts (21433) 2 SWS Reck	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
International Taxation (21007) 2 SWS Eichfelder, Nguyen	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
International Taxation (21007) 1 SWS Eichfelder, Nguyen	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Introduction to Experiment Design with zTree (22991) 4 SWS Brosig-Koch, Schuchardt	Vorlesung (V)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Microeconomic Tools for Labor Market Research and Policy Evaluation (21946) 2 SWS Diegmann, Müller	Vorlesung (V)	Professorship of Economics, Productivity and Innovations
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Sadrieh	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Pricing in Global and Local Competition (21931) 2 SWS Hielscher	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, E-Business
Lecture Series - Next Generation EU-Research Series: New Insights into the Polity, Politics and Policies of the European Union 2 SWS Kugelmeier Lopez	Ringvorlesung (RV)	Institute of Political Science (IPW)
Seminar: Applied Behavioral Social Policy 4 SWS Brosig-Koch	Seminar (S)	Lehrstuhl VWL, insb. Verhaltensbasierte Sozialpolitik
Seminar: Verhaltensökonomische Erklärungen von Fake News, Verschwörungstheorien und verzerrter Information (23253) 3 SWS Bershadskey	Seminar (S)	Department of Economics, Economic Policy
Seminar zur Empirischen Wirtschaftsforschung (20982) 4 SWS	Seminar (S)	Professorship of Empirical Economics Research
Steuerplanung, Rechtsform und Finanzierung (22219) 1 SWS Eichfelder, Knaisch	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Steuerplanung, Rechtsform und Finanzierung (22219) 2 SWS Knaisch, Eichfelder	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Business Taxation
Sustainability and Finance (22814) 1 SWS	Übung (Ü)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Financial Management and Innovation Finance
Sustainability and Finance (22814) 2 SWS Kupfer	Vorlesung (V)	Department of Business Economics/Management, Financial Management and Innovation Finance



Master Thesis

- Counts for 30 CP
- Can be written at any of the chairs of the faculty that offers a Master Thesis Seminar
- In total 5 months time (1 month reading period included)
- Both, the written part (80 % weight) and the oral defence (20 % weight) have to be passed individually in order to pass the Thesis Seminar
- Our Grading System:
 - 1.0-1.3: Excellent
 - 1.7-2.3: Good
 - 2.7-3.3: Satisfactory
 - 3.7-4.0: Pass
 - 5.0: Fail

Due to weights also grades in between are possible!

You have to apply for a Master Thesis directly at the chair you want to write your thesis at. Most of the chairs have deadlines and there are different ways chairs allocate or help you find a topic.

Master Thesis

- Conditions to write a Master Thesis (§26 (3) of the study and examination regulation):
 - You have to be enrolled in the respective study program (EPA)
 - At least 75 CP have to be achieved (which includes the compulsory modules)
 - At least one seminar (10 CP) has to be passed



3. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

→ Choose „Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaft“ -> Courses sorted by Degree Programs - to see all available courses for your program

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You are here: [Home](#) → [Courses](#) → [Course Overview](#)

Course Overview

- Search for Lectures
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Course Overview (WiSe 2023/24)

- ① Vorlesungsverzeichnis
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 - ① Compulsory Modules (SPO from 2020)
 - ① Compulsory Modules (SPO from 2017)
 - ① Compulsory Elective Modules in Specialization
 - ① Compulsory Elective Modules in Supplements
 - ① Master´s Thesis Seminar

[Link to LSF courses](#)

To find out whether courses are held online, on campus or in a hybrid format: Also check the chairs' websites and E-Learning courses!



3. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

→ Example of a semester timetable

Personal Timetable save schedule List: → short → medium → long Plan: → short → medium → long Print (PDF)

	singulary Event	Block Event		fortnightly		Bookings	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
vor 7							
7							
8							
9		Econometrics (50308) 2 SWS 2 Di, 09:00 - 11:00 , woch Vorlesung (V), Room : G05-H4 (G05-303) (120 Pl.)					
10						V	apply
11							
12							
13							
14							
15				Econometrics (50308) 2 SWS 2 Do, 15:00 - 17:00 , woch Übung (Ü), Room :			
16						V	apply
17							
18							

[Link to timetable per semester](#)



3. How to choose your courses (LSF platform)

- How to understand and read the timetable

ukw = ungerade Woche / odd week / 45. KW e.g. 7/11/22
gkw = gerade Woche / even week / 46. KW e.g. 14/11/22
wöch= wöchentlich / each week

In case of multiple tutorial groups

Please pick **one**, which ***fits in your schedule*** the best

Tutorials will (usually) start from the 2nd or 3rd week of classes (18 or 25/10)

Please follow the instructions of the professor!

→How to participate in courses?

Lectures – **usually** no registration is needed; check the LSF and chairs´ homepages

Seminars – apply at the respective chair (deadlines are always before the semester start); check the LSF and chairs´ homepages



4. Where to get lectures and tutorials material (E-Learning platform)

Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaft (FWW)

Planung FWW Wintersemester 2023/24 // 2023/24 FEM Winter Semester Plan

Alles aufklappen

Angewandte Mikroökometrie (Jun.-Prof. Dr. Sabrina Jeworrek)

▶ Angewandte Wirtschaftsforschung / Applied Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Kvasnicka)

▶ Banking and Financial Systems (Prof. Dr. Felix Noth)

▶ Behavioral International Management (Prof. Dr. Christopher Schlägel)

▶ Betriebswirtschaftliche Steuerlehre / Business Taxation (Prof. Dr. Sebastian Eichfelder)

▶ Bürgerliches Recht, Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht / Law and Economics (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Burgard)

▶ Business Economics (PD Dr. Annette Kirstein)

[Link to the E-Learning platform](#)



4. Where to get lectures and tutorials material (E-Learning platform)

Evidence-Based Policy Analysis

Home / My courses / SoSe 2020 / FWW / Angewandte Wirtschaftsforschung / Applied Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Kvasnicka) / Policy Analysis

- Announcements
- Forum
- Refresher Multivariate Regression Analysis Basics

Exam

Not available

Lecture

- 0_The_Course
- Topic 1 Policy Evaluation Causality and the Counterfactual Framework
- Topic 2 Randomized Control Trials
- Topic 3 Selection on Observables and Regression Specification
- Topic 4 Instrumental Variables I
- Topic 4 Instrumental Variables II
- Topic 5 Regression Discontinuity
- Topic 6 FE DiD SCM

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5. Further Information

→ General Advice:

- Check the E-Mails on your university account frequently
- Main source of information is the [ISP-homepage](#) which offers video tutorials (as in the link), study documents, information on studying abroad...
- Please carefully read the study and examination regulation for your program!
- Enrolling into [E-Learning](#) is important to (study material, announcements...)!
 - For frequent updates check: [Planung FWW Wintersemester 2023/24 // 2023/24 FEM Winter Semester Plan, International Study Program Office \(ISP\) and Studiendekanat/Office of Study Affairs on E-Learning.](#)
- There are annual study program talks where you can actively help to shape the EPA Master studies.



5. Further Information

- Where to find the module handbook?
- Where to stay up to date on study affairs?
- Study and examination regulation in English?
- Course descriptions, exam types, withdrawals?

- Where to find the required book?
- Where to enroll for a language course?
- How to get access to your university mailbox?
- Where to find examination regulations, application for master thesis, internship?
- Where to find important dates?
- Where to find dates for exam registration?
- Where to enroll for sport courses?

[*ISP homepage*](#)

[*Dean's Office for Study Affairs*](#)

[*SPO Courtesy Translation*](#)

[*Module Handbooks \(updated every semester\)*](#)

[*Library website*](#)

[*Language center*](#)

[*Webmail*](#)

[*Examination office*](#)

[*Academic calender*](#)

[*Examination office*](#)

[*Sport center*](#)

[*Here you can find all relevant information about your study program*](#)



5. Further Information

- Just a little bit more about the **examination office and exams in general**:
 - On the website of the examination office website you can also find information on the **location of your exams**. Please check in time how to get there and also make sure that public transport is operating (on few occasions the tram in Magdeburg was on strike in the past).
 - The examination office is very strict when it comes to **deadlines**. Try to stay informed!
 - **Please be on site of the exam in time**. In case you are late, you may not be allowed to participate in the exam anymore.
 - Bring an **official ID** to the exam (e.g. passport or driver's licence). The student ID is not sufficient.
 - Check **which aids are allowed** in exams (e.g. dictionaries, non-programmable calculators, annotated books, non-annotated books etc.).
 - **Cheating during exams or plagiarism in seminar papers/theses can have severe consequences**.
 - In case you get sick during the writing period of your thesis you can get a **doctor's notice** to prolong your writing period accordingly.



5. Further Information

- On Wednesday the 25th of October you can participate in an informational event:
Introduction in to the OVGU Library System
- At 3 PM at the entrance of the university library you can learn about the services of the university library.





5. Further Information

- **Going abroad!**
- Get advice here:
<https://www.fww.ovgu.de/en/Teaching/DURING+YOUR+STUDIES/Go+Abroad.html>
- Or write an E-Mail to Grit Voigt from the ISP office: grit.voigt@ovgu.de



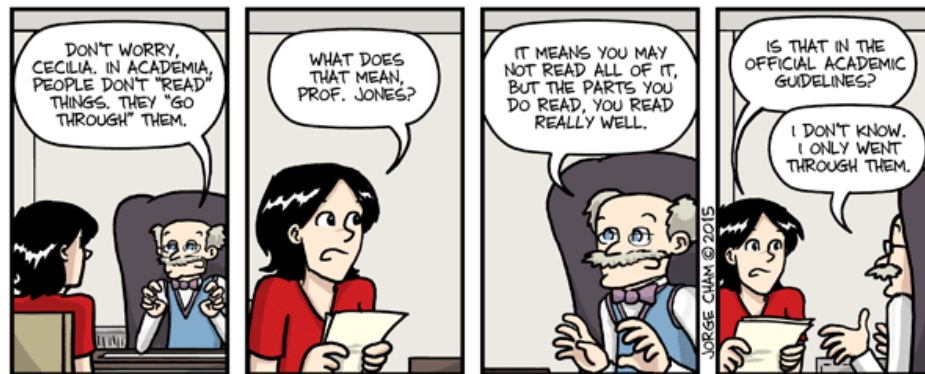
Still not convinced?

Check out this paper:
[Meya, Johannes and Katharina Suntheim: The Second Dividend of Studying Abroad: The Impact of International Student Mobility on Academic Performance. Cege Discussion Papers No 215, 2014.](#)



5. Further Information

- **Research?**
- The economics chairs are organized within the [Center of Evidence-based Policy Analysis \(CEPA\)](#).
 - The easiest way to learn about your professors' and tutors' research is to check their publications online or talk to them directly.
- We have a [faculty research colloquium](#) where we invite external researchers to present their work on Wednesdays in the faculty center.
- The faculty works closely together with the [IWH](#) in Halle.
 - Apart from student assistant jobs that are advertised directly at the faculty it may be worth checking out the IWH website once in a while.
 - As a student assistant you get a first-hand impression of the research that is going on within a chair or an institute. In some cases student assistants even became co-authors.





Thank you for your attention!