



**COURSE (MODULE) DESCRIPTION**

Course title	Code
<b>ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES I</b>	

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Study cycle	Course type
First (Bachelor's)	Compulsory

Form of implementation	Period of implementation	Language of instruction
Face-to-face	Semester 1	English

Requirements for student	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b>Additional requirements:</b>

Number of ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact hours	Individual work
15	390	108	282

**Purpose of the course and competences developed**

This module provides the introduction to economics. It introduces the characteristics of economies using historical and cross-country comparisons across the major dimensions of economic performance (growth, inequality, stability). The aim of the course is to provide an analytical introduction to the core concepts of modern microeconomics.

Learning outcomes of the program	Learning outcomes of the course	Teaching methods	Assessment methods
<b>1.1</b>	Have acquired knowledge in main economic concepts and ideas and are able to apply them when analyzing economic problems.	Lectures and lecture notes, tutorials, class-room discussions, CORE quizzes and readings, case-studies.	Mid-term exam (20%) Home assignments (30%) MCQs (10%) Final exam (40%)
<b>3.1</b>	Appreciate assumptions and limitations of economic models when they are applied to real-world problems.		
<b>3.2</b>	Competence in using economic methods and interpreting economic models.		
<b>3.3</b>	Critically evaluate economic policy suggestions in real-world situations.		
<b>3.4</b>	Familiarity with key statistical sources for macroeconomic indicators, ability to analyze and interpret them methodically.		
<b>4.2</b>	4.2 Construct logical and coherent arguments using economic concepts and develop economic thinking, as well as communicate ideas in a clear manner through written, graphical, and oral forms.		

Course themes	Contact / Individual work: time and assignments								Assignments due date
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Practical classes	Laboratory work	Practice	Contact hours	Individual work	
The Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The big picture</li> </ul>	6	3					9	22	CORE Unit 1
Economic decision making (a single actor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choosing a technology, given factor prices</li> <li>Working hours</li> </ul>	12	6					18	44	CORE Units 2 and 3 Mid-term exam I
Economic relationship and interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic interactions</li> <li>Bilateral trade</li> <li>Employment relationship</li> </ul>	18	9					27	84	CORE Units 4, 5 and 6
Markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firm producing a differentiated good</li> <li>Supply and demand; price-taking and competitive markets</li> <li>Labor market</li> <li>Credit market</li> </ul>	24	12					36	88	CORE Units 7, 8, 9 and 10 Mid-term exam
Market dynamics, how markets work, or may not work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rent-seeking, price-setting, and market dynamics</li> <li>Markets, efficiency, and public policy</li> </ul>	12	6					18	44	CORE Units 11 and 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>36</b>					<b>108</b>	282	

Assessment strategy	Share in %	Time of assessment	Assessment criteria
Mid-term exam	20	Middle of semester	The final and mid-term exams will consist of both longer open questions in which students have to show their analytical capabilities and of shorter questions simply testing students' knowledge. The final exam will test the material from the whole course.
Final exam	40	End of semester	
Home assignments	3 x 10	Beginning/middle/end of semester	CORE quizzes and readings, case-studies.
Multiple Choice Quizzes	10	1 per each topic	
Student's final grade of the course will be the higher of:			
1) his/her grade on the scale for the final exam or			
2) his/her grade on the cumulative scale for all his/her work done in the course.			

Author	Published in	Title	Issue No. or Volume	Publishing house or Internet site
<b>Required reading</b>				
The CORE Team	2017	The Economy	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Oxford University Press
<b>Supplementary reading</b>				
Hal R. Varian	2014	Intermediate Microeconomics	9 <sup>th</sup> edition	W. W. Norton & Company