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Department of Economics

Module Choices Advice Meeting

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Senior Sophister Modules

- Students who have not taken the pre-requisites may only be admitted to the module(s) in question with the explicit approval of the lecturer(s) concerned (and possibly the Head of Department).
- Change of mind is possible before the end of the first teaching week of MT.
- All students may take either 5 ECTS or 10 ECTS versions of modules.
- It is likely that the 5 ECTS version will require attending all lectures but submitting different assessment(s) , but it is possible that students will only be required to attend a subset of lectures for 5 ECTS modules.
- You will make your final choices online in late July or early August via Academic Registry.



Senior Sophister Modules

Expected Modules for Academic Year 23/24 (but subject to change)

ECU44121/ ECU44123	Advanced Macroeconomics	10/5	MT
ECU44122/ ECU44124	Game Theory	10/5	HT
ECU44131/ ECU44133	The World Economy	10/5	MT
ECU44142/ ECU44144	Economics of Financial Markets	10/5	HT
ECU44172/ ECU44174	Quantitative Methods	10/5	HT
ECU44171/ ECU44173	Advanced Econometrics	10/5	MT
ECU44202/ ECU44204	International macroeconomics	10/5	HT
ECU44201/ ECU44203	International Trade	10/5	MT
ECU44100	Capstone 1	20	MT/HT
ECU44181/ ECU44183	Applied Economics	10/5	MT
ECU44191/ ECU44193	History of Economic Thought and Policy	10/5	MT
ECU44212/ ECU44214	Topics in Political Economy	10/5	HT
ECU44112/ECU44114	Labour Economics	10/5	HT



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Prerequisites

Module code	Module name	ECTS	Term	Pre-requisite
ECU44121/ ECU44123	Advanced Macroeconomics	10/5	MT	JS Economic Analysis and one of (JS Mathematical Economics or JS Econometrics)
ECU44122/ ECU44124	Game Theory	10/5	HT	JS Economic Analysis B
ECU44131/ ECU44133	The World Economy	10/5	MT	SF Intermediate Economics
ECU44142/ ECU44144	Economics of Financial Markets	10/5	HT	JS Investment Analysis and JS Econometrics
ECU44172/ ECU44174	Quantitative Methods	10/5	HT	JS Mathematical economics A/B and Econometrics A/B
ECU44171/ ECU44173	Advanced Econometrics	10/5	MT	JS Econometrics A/B
ECU44202/ ECU44204	International macroeconomics	10/5	HT	SF Intermediate Economics
ECU44201/ ECU44203	International Trade	10/5	MT	SF Intermediate Economics
ECU44100	Capstone	20	MT/HT	JS Econometrics A/B
ECU44181/ ECU44183	Applied Economics	10/5	MT	SF Intermediate Economics
ECU44191/ ECU44193	History of Economic Thought and Policy	10/5	MT	SF Intermediate Economics
ECU44212/ ECU44214	Topics in Political Economy	10/5	HT	SF Intermediate Economics



Senior Sophister Modules - Descriptions

Advanced Macroeconomics	Game Theory	World Economy	Development Economics
This module will cover selected topics in macroeconomics and builds on material developed in Economic Analysis A. Topics covered include monetary policy; real business cycle theory; the Ramsey model; public finance; endogenous growth theory; asset pricing; and New Keynesian economics.	This module will analyse simple games, introduce the most standard equilibrium concepts, and focus on applications of these techniques in a variety of economic settings. The module will focus on applications in industrial organization, political economy, auctions.	The will focus on the historical development of the global economy, from earliest times until the 21st century. The aim is to jointly look at key phases in the development of global economy, in particular waves of integration and disintegration, and the role played by key factors, such as climate, geography, disease and technology.	This module will cover state-of-the-art contributions in the fields of Development Economics. The module will explore a set of topics of relevance to developing country economies, which might include education, gender, credit, health and climate.
Economics of Financial Markets	Quantitative Methods	Advanced Econometrics	International macroeconomics
This module is concerned with the pricing of financial assets, with the pricing and handling of risk, and with the place of the financial markets in the economy as a whole. How might risk-averse investors choose an efficient portfolio of risky investments?	The module is a continuation of JS Mathematical Economics. The emphasis is on dynamic analysis, and the topics include differential and difference equations, and dynamic optimization. The term concludes with an introduction to stochastic calculus.	This module is designed to provide students with a theoretical and applied toolbox of econometric techniques frequently used in applied microeconomics research.	This module provides a comprehensive treatment of the field of international macroeconomics. The module provides a survey of all the main topics in international macroeconomics, supplemented by applications to key contemporary policy issues.



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International Trade	Applied Economics	History of Economic Thought and Policy
<p>This module provides an introduction to international trade theory. What determines the level and composition of trade between countries? What are the effects of trade on consumer welfare and income distribution? What are the effects of tariffs, quotas, and other trade policies?</p>	<p>The module explores the theoretical foundations of agglomeration economies. The module examines the role of cities in economic growth and how urbanization processes in low-income countries nowadays differ from those experienced by now industrialized countries. The module also examines how cities affect the environment, and how the environment influences urbanization.</p>	<p>This module addresses the history of economic thought. This is done in two sections. The first section traces the elaboration of basic economic principles by Classical, Socialist, and Neoclassical thinkers. The second section splits up 20th century economic thought into its constituent disciplines.</p>
Topics in Political Economy	Labor Economics	
<p>The module will introduce students to the field of political economics. Starting with the economic analysis of voting decision, the module will then focus on the selection and motivations of politicians and their impact on public policy; it will then examine the role of mass media and its impact on electoral politics and policy-making; finally, it will discuss issues related to organised crime, conflict and violence, as well as the origins, persistence and impact of political institutions.</p>	<p>The central aim of the module is to present key theoretical models and related empirical evidence that shape our thinking of labour markets. The focus will be mostly on the microlevel and the lectures will build around the evidence provided by the most recent empirical research in the field. The module would have a strong focus on policy implications.</p>	



Module Sets

Sets are groups of modules that cannot be taken concurrently

Some of the modules are in Sets.

This means that these modules cannot be taken together.

Please note these restrictions when making your module selections

The next two slides reveal the Sets for MT and HT.



Michaelmas Term

Apart from Capstone, all available at 10/5 ECTS

Set 1:

Advanced Macroeconomics

World Economy

Set 2:

International Trade

Applied Economics

Set 3: Advanced Econometrics

Set 4: History of Economic Thought and Policy

Set 5: Capstone



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Hilary Term

Apart from Capstone, all are available at 10/5 ECTS

Set 1:

Quantitative Methods

Topics in Political Economy

Set 2:

Labour Economics

Economics of Financial Markets

Set 3: Game Theory

Set 4: International Macroeconomics

Set 5: Capstone



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Capstone Project

- Meets every second week (weeks 2,4,6,8, 10 of MT; 1,3,5,7 of HT).
Apart from first two sessions, most components entail presentations.
 - First Two Sessions: Research Techniques, Big Questions in Field
 - Potential Research Questions
 - Final Research Questions
 - Literature Review
 - Methodologies
 - Research Proposal, due early December.
 - Discuss Work in Progress (Hilary Term)
 - Dissertation, due in April
 - Podcast, due in April
 - Overall Participation



Capstone Project: Themes

- Capstone – micro themes

- Development economics; Gender Economics
- Labour economics; International Trade
- Economic History; Behavioural Economics
- Political economy; Urban Economics

- Capstone – macro themes

- Money and Banking; International Macro
- Growth and Business Cycles; Fiscal Policy
- Financial economics;



Senior Sophister Modules: Important Point for Economics/Maths JH Students

HT Quantitative Methods

JH Economics and Mathematics students (continuing with Maths in SS) can take this as an economics module, but no longer as a mathematics module.

MT Advanced Econometrics

JH Economics and Mathematics students (continuing with Maths in SS) students can take this as an economics module, but no longer as a mathematics module.



Senior Sophister Modules

BUU44531 and BUU44532 [5 ECTS each]

Single Honours Econ BESS students may choose the above courses, Financial Reporting and Analysis 1 and 11.



Econ ECTS Requirements by Pathway

Capstone is worth 20 ECTS

Single Honours: 40 ECTS Economics modules, 20 ECTS Econ Capstone

Major A in Economics, Continuing with Both Major and Minor:

20 ECTS Economics, 20 ECTS Minor, 20 ECTS Econ Capstone

Major B in Economics, Dropping Minor in SS: 40 ECTS Economics modules, 20 ECTS Econ Capstone

Minor in Economics and continuing with Economics: 20 ECTS Economics modules, Capstone in other subject

Joint Honours in Economics: 20 ECTS Economics modules, 20 ECTS from other subject, 20 ECTS Capstone from Econ OR other subject



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