

EC802 Advanced Microeconomics of Consumers, Markets and Welfare						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
4	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

Compulsory to MSc Economics (inc Econometrics). Optional to MSc Finance courses (see subject requirements)

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

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Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Apply their improved economic and enhanced problem solving abilities to advanced microeconomic theory.

8.2 Use rigorous mathematical tools commonly found in advanced microeconomic analysis.

8.3 Extensively cover the following topics at an advanced level: utility and demand; duality; existence; uniqueness and stability of general equilibrium; price equilibrium; social welfare; social choice; and uncertainty.

8.4 Critically understand the notion of a mathematical proof compared to an intuitive explanation in economics.

Method of Assessment

Temporary for 21-22 only

Single take-home exam (20%)

80% Examination (2 hours)

Reassessment: 100% exam

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

Varian, Hall. Microeconomic Analysis. 3rd Edition. Viva Books 2010

Mas-Colell, A., Whinston, M. D., and Green, J. R. Microeconomic Theory. Oxford University Press. 1995

Recommended reading

Cowell, Frank. Microeconomics: Principles and Analysis. Oxford University Press 2006

Kreps, David. A Course in Microeconomic Theory. Princeton University Press 1990

Synopsis *

This module examines the workings of the economic system from a disaggregated viewpoint. It is a standard module on advanced microeconomic theory and contains the basics of general equilibrium, including Walrasian equilibrium. It provides students with the toolbox essential for understanding further advanced modules in their programme of choice. Fundamental topics dealt with encompass utility theory and the theory of social choice and welfare. Special attention is given to risk and uncertainty. All these topics are presented in an advanced manner and all are developed in mathematical frameworks. The notion of the understanding of a number of mathematical proofs of economic ideas is central to the curriculum.

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EC803	International Economics					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
3	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	
2	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

compulsory for MSc Economics and MSc International Finance and Economics.

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

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Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Develop strong ability to construct logical economic arguments related to international economics

8.2 Acquire comprehensive skills to relate empirical evidence to the relevant theory

8.3 Become familiar with rigorous tools of theoretical analysis and empirical modelling used in international economics, present economic arguments verbally as well as in written form

Method of Assessment

Essay (2,000 words) (20%)

Examination (2 hours) (80%)

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

* Feenstra, Robert., Advanced International Trade. 2nd Edition. Princeton University Press, 2015.

Recommended reading

* Rivera-Batiz, Louis and Maria-Angels Oliva. International Trade: Theories, Strategies and Evidence. Oxford University Press, 2004.

* Södersten, Bo and Geoffrey Reed. International Economics, 3rd Edition. Palgrave, 1999.

* Markusen, James, Melvin, James, Kaempfer, William and Keith Maskus. International Trade: Theory and Evidence, McGraw Hill, 1995.

* Krugman, Paul, Obstfeld, Maurice and Marc Melitz. International Economics: Theory and Policy. 10th Edition. Pearson, 2014.

This list will be augmented by articles from such journals as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and Review of Economic Studies among others.

Synopsis *

This module is designed for students with interests in both international economics and development economics. It aims to discuss some of the fundamental models (and their extensions) in international economics and link them to the growth and development process of regions and countries. Throughout this module we provide you with the analytical tools and theoretical knowledge necessary to understand these links. We also focus on both the theoretical foundations and extensions of trade theory and the empirical evidence available to the current theoretical debates. The first part of the module is devoted to the foundations of trade theory and it is the basic building block of the module. The rest of the module deals with trade policy, trade liberalisation and long run growth, factor movements as well as economic geography and regional trade agreements and their implication for global free trade.

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EC805	Advanced Macroeconomics I					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	
3	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	100% Exam	
3	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

This is a compulsory module for the:

- * MSc in Economics
- * MSc in Economics and Econometrics
- * MSc in Development Economics
- * MSc in Financial Economics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

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Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- 8.1 Demonstrate profound knowledge of theoretical models to analyse macroeconomic problems.
- 8.2 Comprehensively understand and critically evaluate macroeconomic phenomena
- 8.3 Clearly understand feedbacks between macroeconomic and microeconomic activity
- 8.4 Comprehensively understand actions and behaviour of government institutions overseeing macroeconomic activity
- 8.5 Form their own independent opinion on ongoing macroeconomic issues

Method of Assessment

Temporary for 21-22 only

Single take-home exam (20%)

80% Examination (2 hours)

Reassessment instrument: 100% exam

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

Williamson, Stephen. Macroeconomics. 6th Edition. Pearson, 2018.

Recommended reading

Chugh, Sanjay. Modern Macroeconomics. MIT Press, 2015.

McCandless, George. The ABCs of RBCs. Harvard University Press, 2008.

This list will be augmented by the articles from such journals as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and Review of Economic Studies among others.

Synopsis *

The main aim of this module is to provide students with knowledge of core macroeconomic theory at the graduate level. The focus is on learning theoretical concepts and analytical techniques as an aid to understanding complex contemporary macroeconomic problems. In addition, the module will develop the toolbox essential for understanding all other macro-related modules in the programmes of students' further choice. The module is organized in three key parts. The first part deals with microeconomic foundations of macroeconomics and introduces rational expectations. The second part analyses short-term fluctuations in macroeconomic performance and how macroeconomic policy may be used to address these. Specifically, it provides rigorous treatment of the Real Business Cycle theory and monetary/fiscal policy as regulatory instruments. The third part deals with economic growth as a fundamental determinant of long-term macroeconomic performance.

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EC816		International Finance				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	70% Exam, 30% Coursework	
2	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

Compulsory to MSc Financial Economics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

18.02.21

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1. Comprehensively understand how the openness of economies affects their economic performance, accounting for complex institutional arrangements that exist in the contemporary world economy

8.2. Critically assess determination of exchange rates and systematically study the sources of exchange rate fluctuations

8.3. Deeply assess the causes and consequences of international capital movements as well as recent trends in 'globalisation', and acknowledge how these transform our understanding of such controversial phenomena as financial bubbles, speculative attacks, and currency crises.

8.4. Critically address the concept of intertemporal trade and risk diversification using the synthesis of existing advanced theories

8.5. Demonstrate profound knowledge of the history of the international monetary system.

Method of Assessment

Essay, 2000 words (20%)

Examination (2 hours) (80%)

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

* León-Ledesma, Miguel and Alexander Mihailov. Advanced International Macroeconomics and Finance. Oxford University Press, 2018.

Recommended reading

* Schmitt-Grohe, Stephanie, Uribe, Martin, and Michael Woodford. International Macroeconomics. Princeton University Press, 2016

* Schmitt-Grohe, Stephanie and Martin Uribe. Open economy macroeconomics. Princeton University Press, 2017.

* Sarno, Lucio, and Mark Taylor. The Economics of Exchange Rates. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

* Obstfeld, Maurice, and Kenneth Rogoff. Foundations of International Macroeconomics. MIT Press, 1996.

This list will be augmented by the articles from such journals as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and Review of Economic Studies among others.

Synopsis *

This module is designed to introduce to the main theoretical and empirical models of international financial relations. Exchange rates, capital flows, financial crises, current account and debt dynamics as well as uncertainty are the most widely debated economic topics in the media and on the political arena. This module provides the economic foundations for full understanding of these debates from a rigorous point of view. The module is evenly balanced between the theory and empirical evidence. That is, we focus not only on the analytical side of the stories but also on their empirical relevance.

For working in the areas of financial economics and development (whether in private or public institutions) the knowledge of the topics addressed in this module is of paramount importance.

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EC820 Time Series Econometrics						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
4	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	60% Exam, 40% Coursework	
4	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	70% Exam, 30% Coursework	

Availability

Compulsory for MSc Economics and Econometrics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 36

Private study hours: 114

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

20.08.21

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 have comprehensive understanding of econometric techniques used with time series data

8.2 demonstrate critical assessment in reading and interpretation of empirical macroeconomic research

8.3 be practised in own modelling of economic series using advanced econometric theory

8.4 have the ability to undertake complex empirical research using statistical software for time series analysis

Method of Assessment

Temporary for 21-22 only

Empirical project: 30%

Examination (2 hours): 70%

Reassessment Method: 100% exam

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

* Hamilton, James. Time Series Analysis. Princeton University Press, 2014.

* Enders, Walter. Applied Econometric Times Series. 4th Edition. Wiley, 2014.

* Lütkepohl, Helmut. New Introduction to Multiple Time Series Analysis. Springer, 2006.

Recommended reading

* Franses, Philip, van Dijk, Dick and Anne Opschoor. Time Series Models for Business and

Economic Forecasting. 2nd Edition. Cambridge University Press, 2016.

This list will be augmented by the articles from such journals as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and Review of Economic Studies among others.

Pre-requisites

EC821 Econometric Methods

Synopsis *

The module offers a research-oriented introduction to contemporary time series econometrics by linking econometric theory to empirical studies of the macro-economy and financial markets. It introduces models and methods used in central banks and research institutions for policy analysis and forecasting. It integrates empirical illustrations through the use of computer-based exercises with macroeconomic and financial data using appropriate software. We start with providing comprehensive treatment of univariate time series analysis and deal in details with the modelling and forecasting of stationary and non-stationary stochastic processes. We then look into models of time-varying volatility. Finally, we generalise the learned techniques to multiple time series and study co-integration.

EC821 Econometric Methods						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	60% Exam, 40% Coursework	

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Availability

This is a compulsory module for the:

- MSc in Economics
- MSc in Economics and Econometrics
- MSc in Development Economics
- MSc in Financial Economics
- MSc in Quantitative Finance and Econometrics
- MSc in International Finance and Economics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 33

Private study hours: 117

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

15.03.21

Learning Outcomes

The intended subject specific learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

Critically understand advanced economic theory and quantitative methods at high level of generalization and apply them to a range of economic questions.

Perform and interpret the results of advanced specification tests

Evaluate model adequacy using comprehensive diagnostic tests and alternative innovative criteria

Creatively undertake unsupervised practical work using appropriate software at the advanced level

Critically interpret the empirical economic research of others and identify gaps and controversial questions in the existing empirical literature

Analyse and report in writing on own and others' empirical economic results. Identify appropriate economic models to analyse complex economic problems.

The intended generic learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

Develop their ability to utilize modern computing resources to access and acquire data from all available sources.

Enhance the ability to reason at a high level of abstraction

Develop and reinforce skills in numeracy and problem solving through manipulation of complex quantitative models.

Improve their skills in communication and the ability to rigorously present economic arguments to a critical educated audience.

Method of Assessment

Moodle Quiz (15%)

Computer Based Project (25%)

Examination (2 hours): 60%

Reassessment methods: 100% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)

Core reading:

Wooldridge, Jeffrey. Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach. 5th Edition. South-Western, 2013.

Recommended reading:

Baum, Christopher. Introduction to Modern Econometrics Using STATA. STATA Press, 2006.

Kennedy, Peter. A Guide to Econometrics. 6th Edition. John Wiley and Sons Ltd, 2008.

This list will be augmented by chapters from Handbook of Econometrics and articles from academic journals.

Pre-requisites

None

Synopsis *

This module studies basic econometric techniques. An intuitive and practical learning style will be used in order to develop participants understanding and ability to apply these econometric methods. Participants will develop an understanding of the conventional linear regression model in cross section, time series and panel data. The module focuses on the application of econometric methods, with little emphasis on the mathematical aspects of the subject. A computer software package will be used for practical work throughout this module, both as a means to provide applications of the theory developed in lectures as well as to give experience in the use of such software for participants own empirical research. No previous knowledge of computing or econometrics is required.

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EC822		Financial Economics				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
7	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	
6	Canterbury	Autumn	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

22.02.21

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- develop systematic and comprehensive analytical understanding of financial theory
- intuitively understand complex fundamental financial concepts
- demonstrate strong abilities to calculate key financial relationships and understand the principles of risk and uncertainty
- have improved their analytical skills in using mathematics to analyse complex dynamics of finance markets
- solve sophisticated financial problems at a high level of abstraction and convincingly present their solutions orally and in written form
- systematically demonstrate analytical skills through the use of advanced mathematical methods to analyse financial markets
- substantially enhance their logical thinking skills through relating intuitive explanations of financial markets and instruments to sophisticated mathematical analysis
- consistently show their ability to independently undertake advanced problem solving
- improve their ability to utilize modern computing resources to access and acquire data from all available sources
- enhance their oral and written ability to present logical solutions to complex financial problems set in exams and assignments

Method of Assessment

20% Essay (1,500 words)

80% Examination (2 hours)

Reassessment method: 100% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

* Back, Kerry. Asset Pricing and Portfolio Choice Theory. Oxford University Press, 2017.

* Campbell, John. Financial Decisions and Markets: a Course in Asset Pricing. Princeton University Press, 2018.

Recommended reading

* Bailey, Roy. The Economics of Financial Markets. Cambridge University Press, 2005

* Cochrane, John. Asset Pricing. (Revised Edition). Princeton University Press, 2005.

This list will be augmented by the articles from such journals as American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics and Review of Economic Studies among others.

Synopsis *

This is a classical module on foundations of advanced financial economics. Emphasizing both analytical techniques and practical knowledge it introduces key economic principles around which financial markets are built worldwide. The module offers an in-depth analytical treatment of pricing techniques, optimal investment strategies and portfolio management solutions, accompanied by quantification of related key financial measures. The module provides a solid platform for understanding, interpreting and developing analytical models of the dynamics of financial markets and making informed decisions on their basis. It is central to students who see their future careers among financial market actors as well as at national or international institutions that oversee and regulate financial market activity.

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EC824	Financial Economics and Asset Pricing					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
4	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	
5	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

This is a compulsory module for the:

- MSc in Financial Economics

and optional module for:

- MSc Quantitative Finance and Econometrics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 30

Private study hours: 120

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

15.03.21

Learning Outcomes

The intended subject specific learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 critically understand and flexibly apply stochastic calculus and basic probability theory

8.2 comprehensively understand martingale measure theory and its key elements

8.3 comprehensively understand dynamic programming and the mechanics of the optimal choice of investor

8.4 understand real options and their applications

The intended generic learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1 demonstrate strong analytical skills to evaluate unpredictable risks in financial markets

9.2 profoundly understand the option value of irreversible decision under uncertainty

9.3 solve complex quantitative problems independently

Method of Assessment

Problem Set (10%)

Problem Set (10%)

Examination (2 hours): 80%

Reassessment Method: 100% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)

Core reading:

Björk, Thomas. Arbitrage theory in continuous time. 3rd Edition. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Dixit, Avinash, and Robert Pindyck. Investment under Uncertainty, Princeton University Press, 1994.

Recommended reading:

Baxter, Martin, and Andrew Rennie. Financial Calculus: An introduction to derivative pricing. 17th Edition. Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Cochrane, John. Asset Pricing. (Revised Edition). Princeton University Press, 2009.

Pliska, Stanley. Introduction to Mathematical Finance: Discrete Time Models. Blackwell, 1997.

Wilmott, Paul, Howison, Sam and Jeff Dewynne. The mathematics of financial derivatives: a student introduction. Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Pre-requisites

None

**Synopsis **

The aim of this module is to offer an in-depth theoretical treatment of advanced topics in financial economics, such as derivative pricing and real options. Simultaneously the module discusses the theoretical basis for computational approaches to asset pricing. The module consists of three main parts. In the first part we review selected elements of probability theory and stochastic calculus. We then discuss two prominent solution ideas for the derivative pricing. One is based on the Girsanov theorem and properties of martingale processes. The other is related to the Feynman-Kac's stochastic representation. In both cases, the well-known Black-Scholes-Merton formula is solved as a special case. In the second part we study a couple of important stochastic processes such as Vasicek process, which is widely used to characterize the dynamics of short-term interest rate. In the third part we deal with real option problems. The latter are workhorse models for irreversible decisions under uncertainty. Combined, the three parts form a broad theoretical perspective of advanced analytical methods in the contemporary financial economics practice.

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EC825		Microeconometrics				
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
3	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	60% Exam, 40% Coursework	
3	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	80% Exam, 20% Coursework	

Availability

This is a compulsory module for the:

* MSc in Economics and Econometrics

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 33

Private study hours: 117

Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 have a general and comprehensive understanding of econometric techniques used in with cross-section and panel data

8.2 critically approach reading and interpretation of their own applied microeconomic analyses

8.3 analyse complex economic relationships using the real-life data, estimate state of art models on these data and generate sharp predictions and convincing arguments about the relationships in question

8.4 communicate effectively with educated audience on the applied microeconomic work in writing and verbally

Method of Assessment

Temporary for 21-22 only

Take home test (40%)

Examination (2hours) (60%)

Reassessment Method: 100% Exam

Preliminary Reading

Core reading

* Pischke, Jörn-Steffen and Joshua Angrist. Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricist's Companion. 1st Edition. Princeton University Press, 2008.

Recommended reading

* Imbens, Guido, and Jeffrey Wooldridge. What's New in Econometrics? NBER Summer Course, 2007.

* Pischke, Jörn-Steffen and Joshua Angrist. Mastering 'Metrics: The Path from Cause to Effect. Princeton University Press, 2015.

* Woolridge, Jeffrey. Econometric Analysis of Cross-Section and Panel Data. 2nd Edition. MIT Press, 2010.

Additional reading takes form in articles published in journals such as American Economic Journal, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Journal of Economic Literature and Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Pre-requisites

ECON8210 (EC821) Econometric Methods

**Synopsis **

Empirical evaluation of microeconomic models is crucial to the study and application of economics. The empirical evaluation of economic models based on the analysis of individual behaviour at the micro level often requires special econometric techniques either due to the nature of the explanatory variables or the non-randomness of the sample design. The module introduces students to the main empirical strategies for causal inference. The module will cover identification based on observables, randomized control trials, difference-in-differences, instrumental variables and regression discontinuity design. The students will use an econometric software in the analysis of data and estimations.

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EC837 Applied Econometrics for Business and Economic Development						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Spring	M	15 (7.5)	60% Exam, 40% Coursework	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 36

Private study hours: 114

Total study hours: 150

Department Checked

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Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- Critically understand of the nature of econometric models
- Abstract the essential features of an econometric issue or problem
- Have developed the analytical skills that allow students to formulate and consider a range of econometric problems and issues.
- Apply econometric software to business and economic data
- Perform and critically evaluate model adequacy using relevant diagnostic and specification tests
- Be critical in the interpretation and evaluation of their own empirical research and that of others in the areas of business and economic development

Method of Assessment

PC Based Report (1500 words) (20%)

In Course Test, (1 hour) (20%)

Examination, 2 hours (60%)

Reassessment Method: 100% Exam

Preliminary Reading

The syllabus for the module is covered adequately by many textbooks.

The core text for this module is:

- Wooldridge, J.M., 2013, Introductory Econometrics – A Modern Approach, South-Western, 5th edition (International Student Edition).
- Damodar Gujarati, Econometrics by Example, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011

Additional texts which will be consulted include:

- Davis, G. & Pecar, B. (2013), Business Statistics using EXCEL, 2nd Edition, OUP.
- Kennedy, P., 2008, A Guide to Econometrics, 6th edition, Wiley.
- Maddala, G. (2009), Introduction to Econometrics, 4th Edition, Wiley.
- Studenmund, A. (2011), Using Econometrics: A Practical Guide, 6th Edition, Pearson.
- Thomas, R.L. (1996), Modern Econometrics: An Introduction, Addison-Wesley.

Synopsis *

The ability to apply econometric methods is an essential part of modern postgraduate degree training in economics. This module contributes to the achievement of these subject specific skills by providing an introduction to common issues and related econometric techniques relevant to the empirical evaluation and analysis of data pertinent to the fields of international business and economic development.

The module is approached in a practical way that focuses on the application and interpretation of econometric techniques to business and economic data, with less emphasis on the statistical theory aspects of the subject. This approach ensures that students gain knowledge and experience in using suitable computer software to undertake business and economic research, and to understand empirical relationships which occur in other MSc modules and which they will investigate in their research dissertation.

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EC877		International Economics				Convenor
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	
2	Brussels	Autumn	M	20 (10)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 24

Private study hours: 126

Total study hours: 150

Learning Outcomes

The intended subject specific learning outcomes and, as appropriate, their relationship to programme learning outcomes
The module:

- provides students with an introduction to the methods of economics applied to international questions
- provides an understanding of the basic theories and empirical evidence relating to international trade, international finance and the economic basis of the European Union
- provides the students with an introduction to the relationship between trade and growth and the special problems faced by developing countries.

By the end of the module, students will:

- have acquired knowledge of the basic theoretical models available to explain the causes and consequences of international trade,
- have acquired knowledge of the basic questions of international finance, the determination of exchange rates and the role of monetary and fiscal policy in open economies,
- have acquired knowledge of the basic rationale for preferential trade areas and understand the application of this to the development of the European Union
- be able to understand the links between basic theoretical issues in international economics and their policy implications
- understand the particular issues relating to less developed and developing countries
- have the capacity to evaluate critically different explanations of the links between trade, growth and development and the politics and policies of the international community.

The intended generic learning outcomes and, as appropriate, their relationship to programme learning outcomes

As regards the student's skills, they will:

- develop the ability to construct logical economic arguments related to international issues,
- acquire the ability to relate empirical evidence to the relevant theory,
- become familiar with the tools of theoretical analysis and empirical modelling used in international economics,
- present economic arguments verbally as well as in written form.

Method of Assessment

Essay (2,500 words) (50%)

Examination, 2 hours (50%)

Reassessment method

Like-for-like

Preliminary Reading

P Krugman and M Obstfeld, International Economics, Addison Wesley/Pearson Education, 2006

R Baldwin and C Wyplosz, Economics of European Integration, McGraw Hill, 2005.

A P Thirlwall, Growth and Development, Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

Synopsis *

1. Introduction to methods of economic analysis
2. The Law of Comparative Advantage
3. Pure theory of international trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
4. New Theories of International Trade: Factor movements, migration and strategic trade policy
5. Open Economy Macroeconomics I: Balance of payments and the Exchange Rate
6. Open Economy Macroeconomics II: Macroeconomic policy in the open economy
7. Economics of the EU I: Theory of Preferential Trade Areas
8. Economics of the EU II: Monetary coordination, optimal currency areas and the Euro
9. Trade and development I: Theories of economic growth
10. Trade and development II: International aspects and world trade policies
11. International Economic Institutions and policy coordination
12. International economic issues: Globalisation, climate change

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EC878	Development Economics					
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Brussels	Spring	M	20 (10)	50% Coursework, 50% Exam	

Department Checked

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Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- 8.1. have acquired knowledge of the basic theoretical models available to explain the causes and consequences of economic growth, poverty and inequalities
- 8.2. have acquired knowledge of the basic factors relevant to the economic problems of developing countries, both internally and externally
- 8.3. have acquired knowledge of the institutional arrangements which affect development, and the conditions promoting sustainable development
- 8.4. be able to understand the links between basic theoretical issues in economic development and policy towards developing countries
- 8.5. demonstrate advanced understanding of microeconomic models in the relevant following fields: labour markets, education, gender, inequalities

Method of Assessment

Essay (3,000 words) (50%)
Examination, 2 hours (50%)

Reassessment methods
Like-for-like

Preliminary Reading

Duflo, E., & Banerjee, A. (2011). Poor economics: a radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty. Public Affairs.

Ravallion, M. (2015). The economics of poverty: history, measurement, and policy. Oxford University Press.

Synopsis *

The goal of this course is to present the main topics discussed in the development economics literature, such as poverty, inequality, education, labour markets, gender, institutions and sustainable development. While addressing global issues, the course focuses on their microeconomic dimensions, with a strong emphasis on measurement issues and how quantitative evidence is produced and used to support arguments. This knowledge will allow students to discuss and criticize interventions aimed at tackling development issues

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EC888 Employability for MSc Economics Programmes						
Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
1	Canterbury	Whole Year	M	3 (1.5)	Pass/Fail Only	
2	Canterbury	Whole Year	M	3 (1.5)	Pass/Fail Only	

Contact Hours

Students will attend a series of talks, workshops and one-to-one meetings designed to introduce, develop and support the broad range of employability and transferable skills required to prepare for and obtain an internship or graduate job opportunity. All activities will be led by the School Director of Employability and the Placement and Employability Coordinator in conjunction with the Careers and Employability Service. A specific talk and advice for PGR opportunities in the School of Economics will be provided by the Director of Graduate Studies (Research Students).

Talks will provide targeted advice to MSc Economics students on different careers paths, PhD study and if necessary, on how to obtain an internship after attending university. Talks will run through the Autumn Term and will constitute 4 formal contact hours.

Workshops will provide guidance and support across a range of employability related tasks including CV and application writing, assessment centre and interview techniques, numeracy and competency testing, and psychometric evaluation. Workshops will run throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms and will constitute up to 8 formal contact hours.

One-to-one meetings will provide bespoke advice and support to students as queries arise throughout the year. They will also provide feedback opportunities to students as they progress thorough respective stages of the application process.

One-to-one meetings will operate through drop-in sessions which run throughout the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms and will constitute approximately 3 formal contact hours on average for each student.

Alongside formal contact hours (15) students are expected to commit a further 15 hours to the module across the academic year via independent work.

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- 8.1 Demonstrate critical awareness and understanding of career and PhD study opportunities in Economics and related fields for Economics MSc graduates in the UK and overseas
- 8.2 Demonstrate independence in searching, preparing and applying for MSc graduate jobs and PhD study
- 8.3 Understand the importance of obtaining and applying for work experience in the field in which they wish to pursue their career
- 8.4 Critically evaluate and demonstrate experience of different recruitment processes employed by business, finance and government
- 8.5 Demonstrate comprehensive understanding and practical experience of MSc graduate job and PhD application writing, CV and cover letter writing, and interview techniques of all types (face to face, telephone and video), competency tests and team based recruitment exercises

Method of Assessment

The module is non-contributory and assessment does not 'count' towards the formal 180 credit classification of Economics MSc degree programmes.

The module develops transferable skills designed to enhance employability and the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to search and secure postgraduate job opportunities in a competitive economic environment. This module also prepares students for entry onto PhD programmes within the UK and abroad. Students will be given guidance on the level of engagement expected and will receive on-going feedback as part of the activities undertaken on the module.

Students who participate in the talks, workshops and one-to-one meetings, and who engage with the activities and tasks required of the module as discussed above will have met the module learning outcomes (MLOs 8.1-8.6 and 9.1-9.5) and will have this added to their Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR).

Preliminary Reading

(Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)

- S. Cottrell (2015), Skills for Success, Palgrave Macmillan
- F. Trought (2011), Brilliant Employability Skills, Prentice Hall
- S. Rook (2013), The Graduate Career Guidebook, Palgrave Macmillan
- Employability for MSc Economics Students (Moodle module)

Synopsis *

This module helps prepare students to acquire and develop the employability and transferable skills necessary to search and successfully apply for work experience and graduate opportunities in the commercial and public sector and for PhD programmes.

The curriculum will include guidance and practical exercises in application writing, CVs, careers advice, interview and assessment centre techniques, numeracy and competency tests, and psychometric evaluation.

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Version	Campus	Term(s)	Level	Credit (ECTS)	Assessment	Convenor
2	Canterbury	Whole Year	M	60 (30)	100% Project	

Contact Hours

Total contact hours: 12

Private study hours: 488

Total study hours: 500

Learning Outcomes

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- significantly develop their ability to analyse complex theoretical problems, apply advanced econometric techniques to economic data and be able to carry out an in-depth investigation
- substantially develop their ability to interpret their empirical results and draw appropriate conclusions at a high level of abstraction and generalization
- notably deepen their knowledge of one particular area of economics and linked this knowledge to neighbouring eras of economics and/or social sciences
- make a contribution towards knowledge about the topic that they have investigated
- critically frame and motivate a research question, involving new concepts and approaches
- significantly enhance their ability to retrieve information comprehensively and efficiently from library and internet sources
- carry out a literature review in the context of contradictory existing evidence and multiplicity of opinions
- learn how to manage their time to meet deadlines at various stages of the project and maintain effective communication on the range of complex issues arising within the project
- learn how to write a report of their research making connections between known and unknown areas and motivating further work on the topic of interest

Method of Assessment

100% Dissertation (12,000 words)

Preliminary Reading

- Biggam, John. Succeeding With Your Master's Dissertation: A Step-By-Step Handbook. 4th Edition. Open University Press, McGraw-Hill Education, 2018
- Wallace, Mike and Alison Wray. Critical Reading and Writing for Postgraduates. 3rd Edition. Sage Publications Ltd, 2016
- Ridley, Diana. The Literature Review: A Step-By-Step Guide for Students. 2nd Edition, Sage Publications Ltd, 2012

Pre-requisites

Successful completion of the taught part of one of the MSc programmes in Economics, Economics and Econometrics, Development Economics, Financial Economics, International Finance and Economics, Quantitative Finance and Econometrics.

Synopsis *

The dissertation work is carefully structured across the whole academic year. On entry to the MSc programmes, students are made aware of the need to consider their dissertation during the taught part of the programme and to do some preparatory work in terms of selection of research topic and investigation of the availability of data before the beginning of the dissertation working period. They receive guidelines on the writing of economics dissertations and they receive various talks and advice above the researching and writing of their dissertation. Students are allocated an appropriate member of staff as dissertation supervisor.