

1) COURSES AND REGISTRATION

Recommended program schedule

When registering for your courses please bear in mind our recommended program schedule (attached).

Start of LPIS Registration

Tue, September 17, 2 pm	2nd year courses (except MTC January)
Tue, October 3, 2 pm	1 st year courses
Mon, December 9, 2 pm	MTC January

It's a good idea to be online and prepared for registration as soon as it opens!

Areas of Specialization: Field Courses and Research & Policy Seminars

In June an **info session** on our Specialization Courses and Electives took place to support you choosing the courses that suit you best. The presentation slides can be found on our internal website.

For the first time, we used a **preference-based registration** system to allocate the spaces for R&P Seminars (and corresponding Field Courses). For detailed information please refer to my emails sent out earlier this week.

On September 17, you will have the opportunity to register for additional courses via **LPIS** as well as to de-register from others.

Please note that the **registration field for R&P Seminars** only shows up once you have successfully registered for the corresponding Field Course.

The new specialization areas, **Environmental Economics** and **Geoeconomics**, are not yet fully integrated into our curriculum. As a workaround, we have associated them with existing modules: Environmental Economics is linked to Economic and Social Policy and Economic Development, and Geoeconomics is linked to Spatial Economics and Economic and Social Policy. In LPIS, you will find these courses listed under their respective modules. Please note that you can only register for each module *once*. For example, if you plan to take both, "Field Course: Economic and Social Policy" and "Field Course: Geoeconomics", please choose the latter under the module 'Spatial Economics' to leave the module Economic and Social Policy available for the "Field Course: Economic and Social Policy".

Electives

On our internal website you will find information on all your options to choose your Electives. The most common way is to pick a Field Course. If you wish to take another course from WU (of another master's program or of the "additional courses") please check with me in advance to ensure that the course qualifies as Elective.

The following WU courses are definitely eligible:

- Scientific Working with R and LaTeX (hybrid course starting on September 16; there will be another course offered in the second half of February)
- Courses organized by Economics students at VW-Zentrum: SOLV and Reading Group
- Lectures for Future

- [Sustainability Challenge](#)

Course Schedule Winter Semester 2024

The files attached is to give you a *brief overview* on course times. Some sessions might deviate from the schedule shown, so please consult the course catalog for all the details.

Preview Summer Semester 2025

To help you plan ahead, please find attached also the courses scheduled for the next summer semester. Please note that this program may be subject to change.

2) PROGRAM EVENTS IN WINTER SEMESTER

- **Master's thesis conferences – October 24/25 and January 16/17**
Students' projects are presented and discussed in a conference style setting. **All students** are welcome to join, whether to present their thesis, or to gain inspiration for their own projects and support their peers.
- **Graduation ceremony – November 11, 9 am**
If you wish to invite your family and friends to WU to officially celebrate the completion of your studies together with your program peers and program representatives, please [visit](#)
- **Info Session Semester Abroad – November 13, 1 pm**
Info session with the international office for MSc Economics students considering a semester abroad.
[WU's GoGlobal Event](#) takes place on October 23.
- **Career Workshop - November 27, 4 pm**
WU's career center is offering a workshop exclusively for Economics students. You will be reflecting your job-related values, competencies, and interests and discuss career-related topics that are important to you with a career counselor. More information and registration [here](#).
- **OECD Workshop – November 29, 1 pm**
Senior Economist Gabriel Machlica (OECD Country Desk Austria-Türkiye) will hold a workshop on OECD Economic Surveys and the main results of the recent survey on Austria.
- **Info Session Master's Thesis – December 5, 12 noon**
Info session with Florian Szücs on how to prepare and successfully complete your thesis.
- **Specializations and Elective – January**
The teachers present their specializations, Heidemarie provides general information. This time, instead of a life info session, we will provide you with audio slides, that you can access at any time. Audio slides will be made available in January.
- **Job Interview Coaching Session - tbd**
Daniel Hardy, former chief of the Debt Capital Markets Division at the IMF, is holding an interview coaching session on techniques for non-academic job interviews exclusively for our students.

3) COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION, AND FEEDBACK

Website for MSc students

Our internal website aims to provide detailed information regarding the program's structure and contents as well as practical advice and services.

As the website is not so easy to find within the structure of WU's website it is also accessible through this short-url: short.wu.ac.at/masterecon

Reach out to program team

You are always welcome to contact us for any question, concern, suggestion, or complaint you might have regarding your studies. [Here](#) you will find information on how to best reach us.

If you wish to talk to me in person, just drop by my office during my regular consultation hour or make an appointment for another time. The time changes each semester (to accommodate 1st year students' schedule). This winter semester it will be on Thursdays 3 to 4 pm in my (new) office D4.2.054.

Feedback

Please use the opportunity to evaluate your courses at the end of each semester. Additionally, at the end of each academic year, we will ask you to give us feedback on the program as a whole.

LinkedIn – get connected

More than 500 students and graduates have already joined the MSc Economics [LinkedIn](#)-group sharing information about the career paths they are pursuing. Participation is optional, but we would like to encourage you to join the network as it links you to a broader range of MSc students and graduates.

4) SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

WU offers a variety of services to support students in challenging situations or specific living conditions.

These services aim to help you dealing with study-related problems ranging from learning difficulties or conflicts to discrimination or harassment.

To give you an overview, our department has put together the file attached.

As “person-of-trust” at the Department I am in touch with the various support units at WU. In case you are not quite sure who to turn to, you can always contact me confidentially.