

English Courses of the PPE Program

Title of the course	Title of the class (format of the class) ECTS course (ECTS exam)	Short class description by the lecturer
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Summer Semester 2023

PHILOSOPHY

Course Philosophy of Economics	PPE (seminar) 2 ECTS (+4 ECTS)	This course offers an integrated study of philosophy, politics, and economics. It introduces students to the quantitative techniques, conceptual tools, and core principles of philosophy, political science, and economics. The course clarifies the similarities and differences among the philosophical, political, and economic approaches, and the limitations of each when considered individually. In doing so, the course enhances students' understanding of each discipline, its conclusions, and the ways in which the three disciplines can enrich and complement each other.
	The Methods of Political Economy (seminar) 2 ECTS (+4 ECTS)	Economics is a fairly young discipline, and its beginnings are partly shaped by the attempt of gaining an understanding of its adequate methodology. In this course, we are looking into some of the classical methodological questions of political economy. We will start by consulting classical contributions to Political Economy. But we will increasingly attempt to connect their findings to more recent debates in economic methodology.

POLITICAL SCIENCES

Advanced Course Political Sciences	Comparative Political Economy: An Introduction (seminar) 2 ECTS (+4 ECTS)	This seminar will offer an introductory overview of some of the main theories, ideas and debates in comparative political economy. While many of the scholarly contributions focus solely on the advanced capitalist economies of Western Europe and North America, a growing body of literature also deals with problems specific to developing economies, and a special block of the seminar will be dedicated to those questions.
	The German Party System (seminar) 2 ECTS (+4 ECTS)	The seminar will analyze the long-term development of the Germany party system, take a closer look at nature and the ideology of the parties represented in parliament, focus on the relationship between federal coalition building and patterns of coalition formation in the Länder and discuss the challenges related to the rise of parties on the far left and the far right.

	<p>The Politics of Inequality (seminar) 2 ECTS (+4 ECTS)</p>	<p>This course will introduce undergrad students to some of the major topics related to the political economy of inequality, institutions, and redistribution, exploring the assumptions underlying most of the literature. At the end of the course, students will develop the relevant analytical skills to understand how inequality affects and is affected by individual preferences, political and economic institutions, and policy outcomes.</p>
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ECONOMIC SCIENCES

<p>Course Economics II</p>	<p>Output, Employment and Prices (lecture)</p>	<p>After completing the module, students are able to reproduce the fundamentals of macroeconomic relations, analyze economic policy matters on the basis of well-founded theoretical arguments and apply macroeconomic models to specific economic policy matters.</p>
	<p>Output, Employment and Prices (tutorial) 6 ECTS (lecture + tutorial)</p>	<p>The knowledge gained from the lecture is applied in the form of exercises.</p>