

Introductory Migration Economics

Course Outline

1. General information

Responsible unit:	Chair of Empirical Economics
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Class times:	Wednesday, 4pm–6pm, GD 03/158 First class: April 3, 2019
Credit points:	5 ECTS
Language:	English

2. Description

This module aims at introducing the participants to the economics of migration and consist of both a lecture and a seminar. In the lecture, the participants are introduced to the basic theoretical and empirical concepts of the main topics of the economics of migration. The students will then be assigned to summarize and to present major publications on the economics of migration in order to deepen the knowledge obtained through the lecture.

The course is taught in English. The exam and the term paper can be written in either English or German. Please note that the term paper does not meet all the requirements outlined under §6(1)e of the examination regulations for the B.Sc. in Management and Economics and that its successful completion does therefore not qualify you to fulfill the admission requirements for the bachelor thesis as outlined under §21(5).

3. Eligibility and prerequisites

The course is open to bachelor students enrolled in the B.Sc. in “Management and Economics”. It is restricted to a maximum of 25 students.

To attend the seminar, students should have a solid background in microeconomics and econometrics and a great interest in empirical research. The successful completion of the obligatory module “Statistik II” is a prerequisite. The successful completion of the modules “Statistik III” and “Angewandte Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung” is highly recommended, though not a prerequisite.

4. Course grading

The final grade is calculated as a weighted average of the grades for (i) the exam, (ii) the term paper, and (iii) the oral presentation of the term paper. The weights are as follows:

- 50%: Exam (45 minutes)
- 30%: Term paper (about 5 pages)
- 20%: Presentation of term paper

5. Course material

All course material will be provided in the respective Moodle course (Introductory Migration Economics (073007-SoSe19)). The password for the course will be communicated in the first lecture.

6. Course schedule

The lecture is scheduled weekly on Wednesday afternoon, 4pm–6pm, in room GD 03/158.

Date	Content*
03/04/2019	Lecture 1: Introduction, Motivation, Recent Trends in Migration Flows
10/04/2019	Lecture 2: Who Migrates? The Selection of Immigrants
17/04/2019	Lecture 3: The Economic Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants
24/04/2019	Lecture 4: The Consequences of Migration for the Receiving Countries
08/05/2019	Lecture 5: The Consequences of Migration for the Sending Countries
20/05/2019	Deadline for signing-up for the course in the FlexNow system Deadline for submission of preferences for the term paper
22/05/2019	Exam (45 minutes), 4pm in GD 03/158
19/06/2019	Deadline for submission of term paper
26/06/2019	Seminar – presentation of term papers; Location: RWI, Essen

*Please note that the course schedule might be liable to changes.

7. Relevant literature

Bodvarsson, Ö. and H. van den Berg (2013), *The Economics of Immigration – Theory and Policy*. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer.

Borjas, G. J. (2014), *Immigration Economics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.