

<u>Module title</u>	African Economic Development
<u>Responsible unit</u>	Chair of International Economics
<u>Lecturer</u>	Busse and teaching assistants
<u>Module can be used as</u>	Elective within the Master program in Economics (conferring the degree MSc in Economics); elective within the Master program in Management and Economics (conferring the degree MSc in Management and Economics)
<u>Frequency and time</u>	Yearly in the winter semester
<u>Type of module</u>	Lecture (2 credit hours), tutorial (2 credit hours) and seminar (2 credit hours)
<u>Short description</u>	<p>The aim of this course is to increase the capacity of students to use their knowledge of economic theory and development economics in rigorous analysis of a subset of the critical issues facing policy makers in sub-Saharan Africa. The focus is on sectoral and microeconomic as well as macroeconomic issues in Africa. “African Economic Development”, consisting of a lecture and a seminar, intends to explain the reasons for the continued widespread poverty throughout the continent.</p> <p>The heterogeneity of African economies is stressed and students are expected to focus their written work (i.e., the seminar paper) on particular countries, sectors, and issues. The course also emphasises the importance of a detailed grasp of economic history as a basis for critically assessing generalised debates on the determinants of recent economic performance. Topics covered include, among others, human capital, geography and health, trade and foreign direct investment, HIV/AIDS, institutions and governance, ethnic and linguistic divisions, and conflicts.</p>
<u>Prerequisites</u>	Prior coursework in development economics and sound knowledge of econometrics.
<u>Composition of module grade</u>	Final exam (50%), term paper (25%) and presentation (25%)
<u>Imparted soft skills</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analytical thinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent studying and learning <input type="checkbox"/> Project/time management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature research and documentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation of scientific results <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation techniques/language competencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team work and capacity for team work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to give and receive criticism
<u>Language of instruction</u>	English
<u>Credit points and workload</u>	10 ECTS

300 hours of work (90 hours classes and 210 hours individual study time)

Maximum number of participants

20 students

Learning material and relevant literature

Essential readings and seminar topics will be announced in the first session of the course.