

<b>BW13: European Competition Policy</b>				<b>Study program:</b>	B
<b>Module type:</b>	<b>ECTS points:</b>	<b>Workload:</b>	<b>Semester of study:</b>	<b>Duration of the module:</b>	
Elective	12	360	4th or 6th	One semester	
<b>Courses:</b>			<b>Contact time:</b>	<b>Independent study</b>	<b>Planned group size:</b>
Course 1: European competition policy (2 SWS)			30h	90h	25
Course 2: Analysis of current competition cases (2 SWS)			30h	90h	25
Course 3: Antitrust law decision-making practice (2 SWS)			30h	90h	25
<b>Learning objectives and skills:</b>					
<p>After completing the module, students can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Critically classify the philosophical and historical foundations of competition policy;</li> <li>- analyze problems of competition economics theoretically;</li> <li>- Understand and analyze competition cases against the background of European competition policy;</li> <li>- work on case studies in competition economics;</li> <li>- apply learned concepts independently to related issues.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the concepts learned in Course 1, students will independently work on and present a selected antitrust case as part of a study.</p>					
<b>Key competences:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Problem-solving ability</li> <li>- Critical thinking</li> <li>- Analytical skills</li> <li>- Independent work</li> <li>- Willingness to learn and perform</li> <li>- Presentation of analyses</li> <li>- Written and oral expression skills</li> </ul>					
<b>Course contents:</b>					
<p><b>Course 1: European competition policy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Philosophy and historical development of competition policy</li> <li>2. The concept of market definition</li> <li>3. Market power, market dominance and restrictions of competition</li> <li>4. Prohibition of cartels</li> <li>5. Abuse control</li> <li>6. Sector-specific regulation of market power</li> <li>7. Merger control</li> <li>8. State aid control</li> </ol> <p><b>Course 2: Analysis of current competition cases</b> In Course 2, current competition cases are analyzed and presented by the students themselves</p> <p><b>Course 3: Antitrust law decision-making practice</b></p>					

The concepts of competition policy presented in Course 1 as well as the interplay between legal and economic interpretation are taught by employees of the Bundeskartellamt. The choice of practical topics can vary considerably. Examples of possible topics are

- Retail
- Energy industry
- Sports economics
- Telecommunications
- service industry.

**Language:**

The course language is German.

**Teaching forms**

Lecture, group work, self-study.

**Applicability of the module:**

B.Sc. Business Administration, B.Sc. Economics, B.Sc. Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, B.Sc. Business Chemistry.

**Requirements for participation:**

Admission to the Bachelor's degree programs "Business Administration", "Economics", "Financial and actuarial mathematics" or "Economic chemistry". A good understanding of microeconomics is helpful.

**Forms of examination:**

The final module examination takes place at the end of the summer semester in the form of a written examination (90 minutes).

**Requirements for the awarding of ECTS credits:**

Passing the final module examination. A final module examination is successfully passed if the grade is at least "sufficient" (4.0).

**Frequency**

The courses usually take place in the summer semester of each academic year.

**Significance of the grade for the final grade:**

This module is graded and taken into account when calculating the overall grade for your Bachelor's degree. For more detailed information on the calculation of the overall grade, please refer to the examination regulations of your respective degree program.

**Module supervisors and full-time lecturers:**

Prof. Dr. Justus Haucap and research assistants DICE

**Other information:**

The course is offered in cooperation with lecturers from the Federal Cartel Office. Current information can be found on the DICE website. It is possible to write a project paper (BQ05 or BQV02) as part of the compulsory elective module. Students who successfully complete the two compulsory elective modules BW13 and BW29 and successfully write their Bachelor's thesis in the field of European economic policy, receive a certificate of specialization in "European Economic Policy" in your Bachelor's certificate.