

<b>MW79: Public Economics</b>				<b>Study Programme:</b>	M
<b>Module Type:</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>	<b>Workload:</b>	<b>Study Semester:</b>	<b>Module Duration:</b>	
Optional compulsory	8	240	2. or 4.	one semester	
<b>Courses (HPW=hours per week):</b>			<b>Contact hours:</b>	<b>Independent study:</b>	<b>Planned Group Size:</b>
Course 1: Public Economics - Lecture (2 HPW)			30h	90h	30
Course 2: Public Economics - Seminar (2 HPW)			30h	90h	30
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):</b>					
<p>By the end of the module, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- elucidate fundamental terms, concepts, and models in public economics</li> <li>- reproduce and evaluate key research results in public economics</li> <li>- describe and apply empirical methods commonly used in public economics</li> <li>- apply reasoning and models from behavioural economics to topics in public economics</li> <li>- critically evaluate current research contributions in public economics and successfully search for further relevant literature</li> <li>- present selected research contributions and discuss them critically</li> </ul>					
<b>Key competencies:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analytical skills</li> <li>- Critical thinking</li> <li>- Willingness to learn and achieve</li> <li>- Writing and presentation skills</li> <li>- Problem solving skills</li> <li>- Independent working</li> </ul>					
<b>Description/Contents:</b>					
<p><b>Course 1: Public Economics – Lecture</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction</li> <li>2. Public Goods</li> <li>3. Tax incidence</li> <li>4. Tax efficiency, optimal taxation</li> <li>5. Tax evasion</li> <li>6. Inequality, poverty, and redistribution</li> <li>7. Welfare</li> </ol> <p>These topics will be enriched by introducing research from behavioural economics that is particularly relevant for public economics (e.g., self-control problems, social norms and social comparisons, limited attention, salience, reference-dependent preferences, and loss aversion). Policy implications will be discussed.</p>					

**Course 2: Behavioral Public Economics – Seminar**

Insights and implications from behavioural economics for various policy fields (e.g., taxation, education, fighting poverty, social policies, consumer protection, combating climate change, health, fighting crime) will be discussed, using up-to-date research outputs.

**Language:**

The language of the module is English.

**Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, presentations of students, independent reading

**Module Applicability:**

M.Sc. Business Administration; M.Sc. Economics; M.Sc. Business Chemistry

**Pre-requisites/Requirements:**

Admission to study Business Administration, Economics, or Business Chemistry for a Master's degree. Knowledge in economics is necessary.

**Examination Types:**

Comprehensive examination in form of a written exam at the end of the summer term (90 min).

**Requirements for Award of Credit Points:**

Successful participation in the exam. The exam will be passed if the grade is at least „sufficient“ (4,0).

**Availability:**

The module will be offered each summer semester.

**Assessment:**

This course will be graded and is part of the calculation for the overall grade of your Master's degree. Particular information concerning the calculation of the overall grade can be gathered in the respective examination regulations.

**Person Responsible and Main Lecturer:**

Professor Dr. Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch and teaching/research assistants of the DICE.

**Further Information:**

Further information can be found at <https://www.dice.hhu.de/en/>

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