

Module Directory

Faculty 09 - Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental
Management

"Transition Management" Core Master Degree Course Modules

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| MK 067 | MK 067 Theory and Practice of Economic Development | 6 CP |
| | Theory and Practice of Economic Development | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung | 1./2. Sem.; 2. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: SS 2016 | |
| | Intake capacity: not limited | |
| Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Agrar-, Ernährungs- und Umweltpolitik | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (2.); Weinwirtschaft, Master (1./2.); Agrar- und Ressourcenökonomie, Master (1./2.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are familiar with key concepts for analysing economic development. • are able to apply them to a range of current development topics. • are aware of the role of natural resources and institutions in the process of development. • consider economic development as a multidisciplinary topic and are enabled to integrate viewpoints from neighbouring social sciences into a problem-centred approach | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models of growth & development • Contemporary models of development • Trade & globalisation • Development strategy & industrial policy • Resource curse • Land tenure & ag contracts • Agricultural transformation • Environment & the commons • Institutions & development | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
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| Lecture | 60 | 120 |
| Seminar | | |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |
| Prerequisites for Examination: ... | | |
| Module Examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination or presentation or written examination and assignments – Components of final grade Written examination (100 %) or presentation (100 %) or written examination (50 %), assignment (50 %) – Form of module retake examination Written examination | | |
| Language: English | | |

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| MK 068 | MK 068 Empirical Research Methods | 6 CP |
| | Empirical Research Methods | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung | 1. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16 | |
| | Intake capacity: not limited | |
| Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Agrar-, Ernährungs- und Umweltpolitik | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (1.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have acquired knowledge of general principles of various qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as evaluation research • are able to understand the application of various methods with regard to research objectives | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of applied statistics • Correlation and causality • Basic approach of econometrics • Basic introduction to simple and multiple regression analysis • Collecting and analysing panel data • Designing of surveys, interviews, questionnaires • Qualitative data collection techniques • Qualitative data analysis • Mixed methods | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
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| Lecture | 30 | 60 |
| Seminar | 30 | 60 |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |

Prerequisites for Examination: ...

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment Written examination or presentation or written examination and presentation
- Components of final grade Written examination (100 %) or presentation (100 %) or written examination (70 %), presentation (30 %)
- Form of module retake examination Written examination

Language: English

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| MK 070 | MK 070 Economics, Organization and Management in Agriculture and Food Industries | 6 CP |
| | Economics, Organization and Management in Agriculture and Food Industries | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Betriebslehre der Agrar- und Ernährungswirtschaft | 2. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: SS 2016 | |
| | Intake capacity: 50 | |
| Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsökonomik | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (2.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be able to understand and evaluate management processes in the agricultural and food industry • be able to work conceptually on business strategic and organisational problems, such as human resource management, compensation and motivation, investment, capital structure, and corporate control • be able to execute basic and advanced economic methods and management techniques • be able to execute advanced optimisation modelling techniques • be able to use spreadsheets and database applications to represent and solve business, financial and incentives decision problems • get insight into modelling of human motivation, business behaviour, and the means of coordination performed by agricultural and food industry | | |
| Module Content: The division of labour and the resulting need for the coordination of distributed actors towards a predefined goal lies at the root of organizational and management theory. Firm`s efficient organizational design is one of the key tasks and challenges for management practice. However, especially over the last decades, the corresponding design and coordination of physical goods and financial flows in (often global) supply chains within and across companies has emerged as a related and strategically highly intertwined challenge. Core problems, concepts and techniques for the analysis, design and management of organizations and their inter-organizational supply chains are introduced. General principles of organizational and supply chain design are provided and current trends and emerging management challenges are assessed. Advanced modelling techniques for optimisation under constraint resources are introduced. Case studies and company presentations serve to illustrate the theoretical concepts and to further students` understanding. The evolution of business and economic systems and its restructuring are part of the course. | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
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| Lecture | 36 | 72 |
| Seminar | 24 | 48 |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |
| Prerequisites for Examination: ... | | |
| Module Examination: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination – Components of final grade Written examination (100%) – Form of module retake examination Written examination | | |
| Language: English | | |

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| MK 100 | MK 100 Transition in Practice | | 6 CP |
| | Transition in Practice | | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung | | 2. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: SS 2016 | | |
| | Intake capacity: not limited | | |
| Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester | | | |
| Module Coordinator: Agrar-, Ernährungs- und Umweltpolitik | | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (2.); | | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | | |
| Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have gained knowledge about the practical work with and within transition and developing countries • understand the problems from an interdisciplinary perspective • have been introduced to practical approaches to solve problems in the context of development cooperation • have gained practical knowledge in the field of project management and developing and implementing projects • have gained practical skills necessary for work in international development projects | | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development projects in transition and developing countries • current research and its impact on development work in th international context | | | |
| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work | |
| Lecture | | | |
| Seminar | 60 | 120 | |
| Practical training | | | |
| Exercises | | | |
| Excursion | | | |
| Total: | | 180 | |
| Prerequisite for Examination: ... | | | |
| Module Examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Presentation and written examination or project work – Components of final grade Presentation (40 %), written examination (60 %) or project work (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Written assignment | | | |
| Language: English | | | |

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| MK 101 | MK 101 Law in Transition | 6 CP |
| | Law in Transition | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Rechtswissenschaft / Rechtswissenschaften | 1. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16 | |
| | Intake capacity: not limited | |
| Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (1.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a basic understanding of the role of law and legal systems in economic and social change • have an understanding of main principles of public international law • are familiar with the main sources and principles of international economic law • are familiar with the main sources and principles of international environmental law • are familiar with the most popular regimes of international commercial arbitration • understand the importance of national law for economic and social change • are able to evaluate legal reforms | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Economic Law • WTO Law • International Financial Institutions • Transnational Commercial Law • Transnational Commercial Transactions • Transnational Commercial Arbitration • International Environmental Law • International agreements in the field of climate change • Environmental conventions | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Lecture | 60 | 120 |
| Seminar | | |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |
| Prerequisites for Examination: ... | | |
| Module Examination: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination – Components of final grade Written examination (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Written examination | | |
| Language: English | | |

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| MK 102 | MK 102 Global Food Markets | 6 CP |
| | Global Food Markets | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Agrarpolitik und Marktforschung | 2. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: SS 2019 | |
| | Intake capacity: 45 | |
| Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Marktlehre der Agrar- und Ernährungswirtschaft | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (2.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are familiar with the global trends shaping the world food economy and can identify the key drivers of change in food and agricultural value chains; • know major theoretical concepts and frameworks used in analyzing agricultural and food markets; • understand how food and agricultural markets are interconnected globally; and how domestic and multinational policies influence food markets. • know recent empirical evidence on the effects of changing food value chains on different stakeholder groups; • have strengthened their analytical skills and have increased their capacity to analyze and solve problem by looking at agricultural markets and the food economy from an economists point of view; • are able to write a seminar paper and acquire independently additional knowledge by advanced literature search. | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of globalization and its effects on the agrifood sector and dietary patterns; • Conceptual and empirical analysis of agricultural trade and global food markets; • Nutrition transition; • Food safety and food quality issues; • The role of private and public food standards in global food markets; • The role of consumers in shaping food markets (acceptance of new technologies, risk attitudes, risk preferences, time preferences); • Social norms and their influence on market outcomes; • Food policy interventions ; • Principles of good scientific practice; tips for successful term papers/project works | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Lecture | 30 | 60 |
| Seminar | 30 | 60 |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |
| Prerequisites for Examination: ... | | |
| <p>Module Examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination and presentation or written examination or written examination and project work – Components of final grade Written examination (60 %), presentation (40%), written examination (100%), written examination (60 %), project work (40%) – Form of module retake examination Written examination or oral examination | | |
| Language: English | | |

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| MK 103 | MK 103 Power and Democracy | 6 CP |
| | Power and Democracy | |
| Core Module / Optional Module | Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften / Institut für Politikwissenschaft | 1.-4. Sem.; |
| | Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16 | |
| | Intake capacity: Not limited | |
| Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester | | |
| Module Coordinator: Politische Theorie und Ideengeschichte | | |
| Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (1.-4.); | | |
| Prerequisites for Participation: None | | |
| Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are able to reconstruct the different meanings of two contested concepts: power and democracy; • are familiar with presenting their own scientific work; • know how to write a scientific paper. | | |
| Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tension between the ideal and the real • emergence of the surveillance society • relation between power and property • digital divide • decline of the public sphere • threats of media power • political representation • pluralism and tolerance • constraints of public resistance and cosmopolitanism | | |

| Forms of Instruction: | Contact hours | Preparation and follow-up work |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Lecture | | |
| Seminar | 60 | 120 |
| Practical training | | |
| Exercises | | |
| Excursion | | |
| Total: | 180 | |
| Prerequisites for Examination: ... | | |
| Module Examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Presentation and seminar paper or presentation and oral exam or presentation and written exam – Components of final grade Presentation (20%); seminar paper or oral exam or written exam (80%) – Form of module retake examination That part of the exam that has not been passed | | |
| Language: English | | |

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