



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2018

5,256: Development Economics (BVWL)

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (20%)

Decentral - Written examination (40%, 60 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[5,256,1.00 Development Economics \(BVWL\)](#) -- Englisch -- [Gottlieb Charles](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Microeconomics II course or a course of an equivalent level. The course has a mathematical content and knowledge of calculus and linear algebra is assumed.

Course content

The introductory lecture introduces the concept of GDP per worker and its measurement across countries. The rest of the course is divided into two parts. In the first part we study the role of production factors in a world where there is a single output. We investigate to what extent physical and human capital account for productivity differences across nations. We discuss the success of such an approach when factors are taken as exogenous as well as when they are allowed to vary endogenously. In other words, how important are efficiency/technology differences *per se* across countries, and how do they feed back into capital accumulation via a number of channels. We also explore the idea of factor-specific technology. The second part then consists of a decomposition of the economy into different sectors. We are interested in understanding how specific sectors can disproportionately impact aggregate productivity. For this we first study the process of structural transformation across time and space before exploring two specific parts of the economy in turn: the agricultural and investment sectors.

Course structure

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Course literature

Lecture notes and academic papers.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form



Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Remark

1 empirical assignment

Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
- The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the APA or MLA standards. The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into the text in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C. (2017), Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (12th ed., Cornelsen Schweiz).
- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2018, Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (6. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

Supplementary aids

Open book.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (20%)

Remark

Presentation of an academic paper.

Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (40%, 60 mins.)

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book



The use of aids is limited; any additional aids permitted are exhaustively listed under "Supplementary aids". Basically, the following is applicable:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without hand-written notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models and any electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

See syllabus.

Examination relevant literature

See syllabus.

Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc. When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 23 August 2018
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 15 October 2018
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 05 November 2018

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.