



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2019

### 3,212: Macroeconomics II

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (90%, 90 mins.)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (10%)

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,212,1.00 Macroeconomics II: Lecture and Independent Studies](#) -- Englisch -- [Weiss Janosch](#) , [Koeniger Winfried](#)

[3,212,2.01 Macroeconomics II: Exercises and Independent Studies, Group 1](#) -- Englisch -- [Kostrov Alexander](#)

[3,212,2.02 Macroeconomics II: Exercises and Independent Studies, Group 2](#) -- Englisch -- [Kostrov Alexander](#)

[3,212,2.03 Macroeconomics II: Exercises and Independent Studies, Group 3](#) -- Englisch -- [Weiss Janosch](#)

[3,212,2.04 Macroeconomics II: Exercises and Independent Studies, Group 4](#) -- Englisch -- [Weiss Janosch](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

Basic knowledge of macro- and microeconomics from the lectures Economics A and Economics B in the assessment year, such as utility and profit maximization, national accounts and real exchange rates.

#### Course content

##### Summary and description:

This course focuses on the macroeconomy in the short and medium run. Of particular interest are the effects of monetary policy and fiscal policy in open and closed economies.

The course has the following themes:

1. Repetition of basic concepts and the global economy

Circular flow model, Keynesian cross, the demand side of the world economy.

2. Demand side equilibrium in one economy

Balance of payments, the foreign exchange market, Mundell-Fleming model for the demand side equilibrium in one economy

3. The labour market and unemployment

The supply side of the economy in the short and medium term, reasons for temporary and long term unemployment.

4. The economy in the short and medium term

Integration of the supply and the demand side in the AD-AS model, the influence of shocks and policy measures on prices and income, the Phillips curve.

5. Budget deficits and public debt

Neoclassical and Keynesian analysis, Ricardian equivalence

6. Public debt and sovereign debt crises



Debt dynamics

This list may change due to actual events.

## **Qualification:**

Course participants will be equipped with a toolkit to analyse the macroeconomy in the short and medium run. This will allow them, for example, to assess the effects of fiscal and monetary policy.

## **Methods:**

In some parts of the course, participants will apply knowledge of linear algebra, of solving static optimisation problems with constraints using the Lagrangian method, of difference equations and phase diagrams.

## **Course objectives:**

**Goal of the course** is to familiarise students with the leading framework that allows them to analyse economic policies in the short and medium run.

The main **learning outcome** is that students will be able to analyse macroeconomic effects of economic policies on their own. In particular, students will be able to evaluate under which circumstances fiscal policy or monetary policy is effective.

## **Links to other courses in the economics curriculum:**

The course Macroeconomics III complements this course by analysing the determinants of economic growth and the long run. Elective courses on labour markets, financial markets, consumption, international economics allow students to deepen specific topics of the course Macroeconomics II.

## Course structure

The course consists of lectures, classes and independent studies. The lectures closely follow the textbook. They provide the basic structure for the course and highlight key concepts from the relevant textbook chapters. The tutorials are devoted to solving problem sets from the textbook and to discuss the (interactive) online learning material supplied for the independent studies. In doing so, a deeper and firmer understanding of the material shall be achieved.

The examination of the course Macroeconomics II consist of a central part (90%) and a decentral part (10%).

During the semester, 6 online tests have to be taken. These tests are the 'decentral examination paper.' They are an integral part of the independent studies.

## Course literature

Manfred Gärtner, Macroeconomics, 4th/5th Edition, Pearson Education.

## Additional course information

### **Note to all students who will participate in the repetition exam in the next spring term:**

Please note that the online tests, denoted above by 'examination paper written at home (individually)', can only be taken during the autumn term. The obtained results will always count 10 percent of the overall grade, regardless of whether the final exam, denoted above by 'written examination', is taken at the end of the autumn term or at the end of the spring term (repetition exam).

The 'examination paper written at home (individually)' consists of several parts, spread over the autumn term. These parts are accessible online on the course website, allowing students to participate in the 'examination paper written at home (individually)' also from abroad. Students have to keep themselves informed on the course website concerning the procedures, dates and deadlines for the examination parts during the term.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s



## 1. Examination sub part (1/2)

### Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (90%, 90 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

None.

### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## 2. Examination sub part (2/2)

### Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (10%)

### Remark

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### 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

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### Examination languages

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Answer language: English



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## Examination content

Material covered in the contact sessions of the lecture, tutorials and independent studies

Material of the independent studies

Exam-relevant literature

## Examination relevant literature

Manfred Gärtner, Macroeconomics, 4th/5th Edition, Pearson Education: Chapters 1-8 (without 5.5, 5.7, 8.4-8.5), 14, 15.1, 15.4-15.6.

### Please note

Please note that this fact sheet alone is binding and has priority over any other information such as StudyNet (Canvas), personal databases or faculty members' websites and information provided in their lectures, etc.

Any possible references and links within the fact sheet to information provided by third parties are merely supplementary and informative in nature and are outside the University of St.Gallen's scope of responsibility and guarantee.

Documents and materials that have been submitted no later than the end of term time (CW51) are relevant to central examinations.

Binding nature of the fact sheet:

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral) and examination type starting from the beginning of the bidding on 22 August 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 14 October 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 4 November 2019

Please consult the fact sheet again after these deadlines have expired.