



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2025

10,361: Empirical Health and Labor Economics

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Written work, Digital, Individual work individual grade (60%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Presentation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (40%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,361,1.00 Empirical Health and Labor Economics](#) -- English -- [Eugster Beatrix](#)

Course information

Prerequisites

The course covers both theoretical models as well as empirical applications. Solid background in microeconomics and microeconometrics is required.

Learning objectives

In this course students will:

- learn about recent research in empirical health and labor economics, including published research and current JMPs,
- understand specific empirical challenges in the fields of health and labor economics and get to know empirical methods to tackle those,
- develop their own sketch of a research project, and
- synthesize and defend their ideas in a presentation and short report.

By the end of this course students will have acquired a good overview of current topics in the intersection of health and labor economics. They will be able to use their knowledge to develop their own research projects.

Content

This course introduces into selected topics in the fields of health and labor economics. Its aim is to acquaint students with theories and applications in health and labor economics and to encourage the development of research interest in these fields.

Students will get to know state-of-the-art theoretical models and empirical papers at the current research frontier. After this course, students will be able to develop their own research projects in these fields.

Structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course is targeted to PhD students in economics and econometrics.

The course is organized en-block from Nov 10 to Nov 14, 2025 and an additional session on Nov 28.



- Introduction to health and labor economics, with a focus on the interplay of both (Nov 10)
- Discussion of applied papers at the research frontier, with a focus on important research questions and empirical identification (Nov 11-14)
- Student presentations of their research project ideas (Nov 28)

Independent study is expected as students will be required to:

- Read course literature prior to the lectures
- Prepare a presentation of a research project idea
- Write a short report on the research project idea

Literature

Empirical papers provided on StudyNet.

Additional information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	60%
Duration	--

Languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

5-8 pages

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Presentation
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	40%
Duration	--

Languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Presentation of own research project idea

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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Content

The exam consists of the development of an own research project idea at the intersection of health and labor economics. The project idea has to be presented orally, and a short report (5-8p) has to be written.

Literature

None.



Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 43 (Freitag, 24. October 2025) are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 34 (Thursday, 21 August 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 13. October 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 43 (Freitag, 24. October 2025);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before ending with de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 03. November 2025).