

The Department of Economics
announces the following block lecture at the bachelor level:

The Economics of Migration

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Content. Migration is at the center of the public debate in most Western countries. Although migrants only make up 3% of the world population, their moving is suspected to affect both sending and receiving countries. Economists have started to become interested in studying migration in the late 1970s. What started with a few papers here and there on the economic situation of immigrants in the US has since turned into one of the most vibrant fields in economics. The goal of this course is twofold: 1) familiarize students with the most important theoretical and empirical approaches that are used to study migration; 2) provide students with an overview of the most recent research as well as the most important institutions.

Outline of the lecture. See attachment.

Prerequisites: Firm knowledge of microeconomics and econometrics (Phase I) is a prerequisite. The course will be conducted in English.

Place and time. This lecture is a block course that takes place in lecture hall H25 (Vielberth building) on August 16-17 and August 20-22, 2018 (10:00 till 17:00).

Exams. The exam takes place on September 5, 2018, 18:00-19:00, in lecture hall H3. The repeat exam takes place on October 24, 2018, 18:00-19:00, in lecture hall H3. The repeat exam is only available for students who have failed the initial exam. You have to register for the exam on FlexNow. The registration period for the initial exam is August 16-29, 2018. The registration period for the repeat exam is September 26 - October 17, 2018.

Credit. This second-phase bachelor course (6 ECTS) of the Department of Economics takes place in the summer term 2018 and counts towards the "Wahlmodul" or towards „Markt und Staat“, „Außenwirtschaft“, „Immobilien- und Regionalökonomie“ or „Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung“ (which you have to choose when registering on Flexnow).

IMPORTANT: Grips and lecture material. Please register on GRIPS at: <https://elearning.uni-regensburg.de/course/view.php?id=23194> (where you will find the lecture material).

Questions may be directed at Prof. Dr. Andreas Roider (andreas.roider@ur.de).

The Economics of Migration Course syllabus

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Course dates: August 16-17 and 20-22, 2018 (5 days)

Instruction time: 10am-5pm

Language of instruction: English;

Consultation: upon appointment from August 23-30, otherwise by email

Assessment: written exam

Prerequisites: knowledge of microeconomics and econometrics (Phase I) is a requirement

About this course

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Course materials and textbook

Lecture slides will be provided in advance. Part of the course is based on the following textbook:

- Cynthia Bansak, Nicole Simpson, and Madeline Zavodny. *The Economics of Immigration*. Routledge, 2015

In addition, we will discuss journal articles. I will provide a more detailed literature list closer to the time.

Outline

1. Current trends in global migration
2. Migrant selection: who migrates and why?
3. Migrants' economic and cultural assimilation
4. Immigration and the labor market: do migrants steal natives' jobs and depress wages?
5. The impact of immigration on innovation and growth
6. Fiscal effects of migration
7. The impact of migration on the sending countries
8. Migration policy and the political economy of migration
9. Frontiers in migration research