



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

FORK 1003 Preparatory course for MSc in Business

Programme

Master of Science in Business, Preparatory Course - Master

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Economics

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

0

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The students are given a brief overview over key topics in micro, macro, and econometrics. This overview is meant to assist the students in the transfer from Bachelor-level to Master-level.

Learning outcome

BI Norwegian Business School wants to ensure that all students who want to take the Master's part of the Programme in Business and Economics have previous knowledge at the same level in mathematics, economics and method. Consequently, this intensive preparatory course that covers topics in the set of courses including mathematics, economics and econometrics is recommended for students who have not documented this knowledge in their bachelor's degree.

Prerequisites

All courses in the Masters programme will assume that students have fulfilled the admission requirements for the programme. In addition, courses in second, third and/or fourth semester can have specific prerequisites and will assume that students have followed normal study progression. For double degree and exchange students, please note that equivalent courses are accepted.

Compulsory reading

Books:

Pindyck, Robert S., Daniel L. Rubinfeld. 2012. Microeconomics. 8th ed. Pearson
Simon, Carl P. and Lawrence Blume. 1994. Mathematics for economists. International student ed. Norton
Stock, James H., Mark W. Watson. 2014. Introduction to econometrics. Updated 3rd ed., Global ed. Pearson.
Kapittel 1, 6, 7, 12

Book extract:

Gärtner, Manfred. 2013. Macroeconomics. 4th ed. Pearson. Chapter 9 and 14

Recommended reading

Course outline

The main four topics are:

- linear algebra
- econometrics (selection problem, regression analysis, instrumental variable methods),
- issues in microeconomics (examples of possible topics are: consumer theory including preferences and demand functions, theory of the firm including cost concepts and supply, market theory and market forms including duopoly, market failure, welfare theorems, externalities, natural monopolies, dead weight, main concepts of game theory)
- issues in macroeconomics (basic business cycle models, Solow growth model and macroeconomic methodology).

During the course students will be presented with assignments and exercises.

Computer-based tools

Not applicable

Learning process and workload

Linear algebra (9 hours)

Econometrics (12 hours)

Issues in microeconomics (12 hours)

Issues in macroeconomics (12 hours)

Examination

Form of assessment	Weight	Group size
Not applicable		

Examination code(s)

Not applicable

Examination support materials**Re-sit examination**

Not applicable

Additional information**Honour Code**

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