

Hes-so

Haute Ecole Spécialisée
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Module description

Field of study: Business, Management and Services

Degree course: Bachelor of Science HES-SO in International Business Management

1. Title of module	Economics I	2024-25
Code:	Type of course:	
3051	Bachelor's	CAS 🗌 Other:
Level:	Characteristic:	
Basic module	Module where failure may lead to final	
Further studies module	dismissal from the degree course in accordance with	
Advanced module	Framework directives on the Bachelor and Master de	egrees at the
Specialised module	HES-SO	
Other:		
Type:	Time schedule:	
Main module	Module over 1 semester	
Module linked to main module	Module over 2 semesters	
Optional or subsidiary module	Spring semester	
Other:	Autumn semester	
	Other:	
2. Organisation		
ECTS credits 8		
LC 13 cledits 0		
Language:		
French	☐ Italian	
German	English	
Other:		
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3. Prerequisite		
☐ To have validated the module ☐ To have followed the module		
No prerequisite		
Other:		
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4. Skills to be gained / general learning objectives		

At the end of this module, the students must:

Objectives for the unit: Microeconomics (1st semester)

- Use the fundamental tools and concepts of Microeconomics
- Apply the basics of economic methods on practical issues
- Evaluate the market performance and identify its limits (externalities, public goods and asymmetry of information)
- Analyse the economic policies undertaken to overcome market limitations
- Discuss press articles on (micro)economic subjects

Objectives for the unit: Macroeconomics (2nd semester)

- Overview of the main topics of macroeconomics including economic growth, inflation, unemployment, and business cycle fluctuations
- Understand the national accounting system, the different ways to calculate the GDP and the limits of GDP as a measure of well-being
- Define and understand the principal macroeconomic aggregates and indicators
- Understand the functions of money and the role of the interest rate in the financial system
- · Knowledge of the determinants of output in the short and long run





- Overview of the open macroeconomic models and understanding of how economic policies work in an open economy.
- Study the role of macroeconomics in the transition to a sustainable economy.

5. Teaching and content

Course: Microeconomics (1st semester)

This course provides an overview of most fundamental topics in microeconomics including supply and demand, government interventions, welfare analysis, costs and profits for an individual firm (in the short and long run), monopoly and other forms of imperfect competition, market failures, publics goods, information asymmetry, externalities, and consumer choice in different setups.

Course: Macroeconomics (2nd semester)

This course provides an overview of the main topics in macroeconomics: long-term equilibrium model in the closed and open economy, money and inflation, determinants of growth, economic fluctuations and economic policies.

Teaching methods: theory and applications; practical assignments

6. Assessment and validation methods

Each course syllabus available on the moodle plateform Cyberlearn describes the assessment and validation methods.

7. Reassessment requirements	7a Reassessment requirements (if module
Reassessment possible	is repeated)
☐ No reassessment	Reassessment possible
Other (please specify):	No reassessment No reassessment
	Other (please specify):

other reassessment modalities

Reassessment if the module grade is between 3.5 (included) and 3.9 (included). After reassessment, the maximum grade is 4.0