

MSc Economics

Areas of Specialization and Electives



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12+ Areas of Specialization

Industrial
Economics

Regulatory
Economics

Economic
Development

Behavioral
and
Experimental
Economics

International
Economics

Money, Credit
and Finance

Spatial
Economics

Labour
Economics

+ Course
Abroad

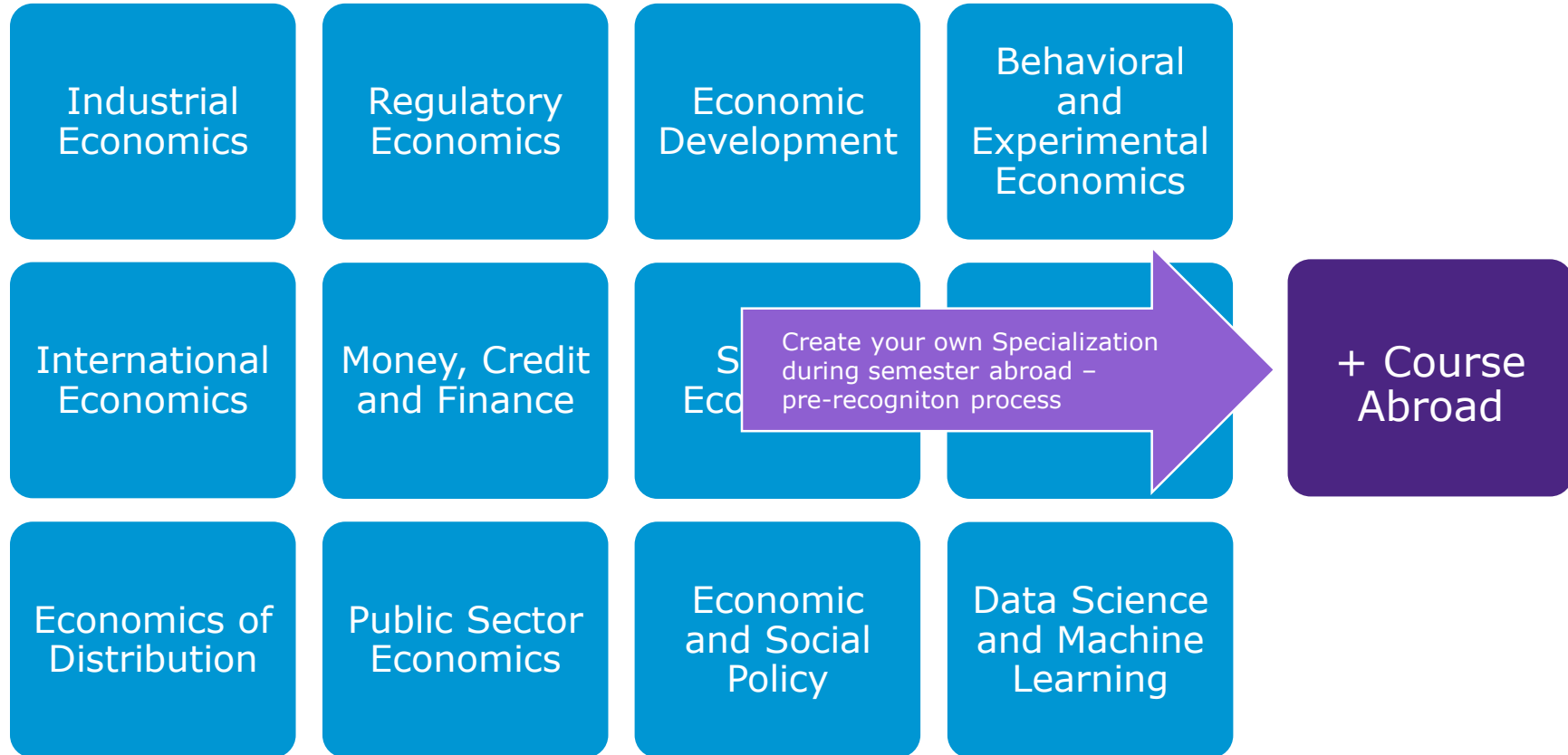
Economics of
Distribution

Public Sector
Economics

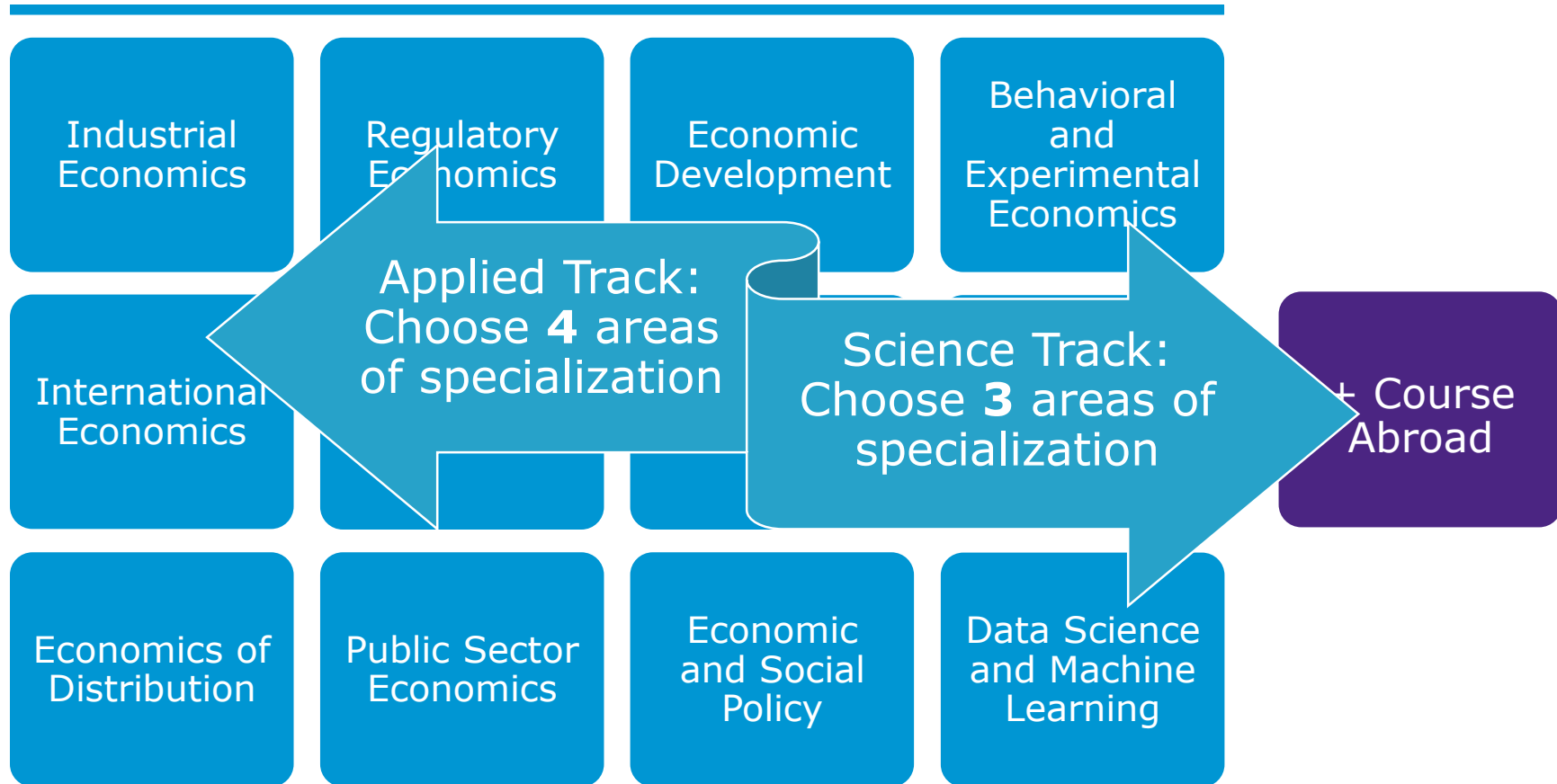
Economic
and Social
Policy

Data Science
and Machine
Learning

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Field Courses and Research&Policy Seminars

Field Courses

- 3-credit-hours Lecture
- Content mainly presented by lecturer
- Up to 30 students
- Take one Field Course within each of your chosen areas of specialization

Research&Policy Seminars

- 2-credit-hours Seminar
- Students develop their own research projects, working closely with instructors
- Ideally 10-15 students (20 max)
- Take two R&P Seminars (each corresponding to a Field Course)

	Summer semester 23		Winter semester 23/24*	
	Field Course	R&P Seminar	Field Course	R&P Seminar
Behavioral and Experimental Economics				
Economic and Social Policy	Guthmuller			
Economic Development	Becker	Tondl	Becker	Tondl
Economics of Distribution	Fessler/List		tbd	tbd
Data Science and Machine Learning			Fenz/Schmoigl	
Industrial Organization	Weiss	Weiss		
International Economics			Rabitsch/tbd	Rabitsch/tbd
Labor and Organisational Economics			Arenas-Arroyo	Arenas-Arroyo
Money, Credit and Finance	Rabitsch/Rumler	Rabitsch/Rumler	Schäfer/Schubert	Schäfer/Schubert
Public Sector Economics				
Regulatory Economics			Gugler	Gugler
Spatial Economics				
* Preliminary. One more area of specialization will be offered, tbd.				

R&P seminars are always compatible to the field courses offered in the same semester.
Previous semester: Check syllabus.

Exchange semester: Check with instructors if their R&P Seminar is compatible with the Field Course you took during exchange semester.

Criteria for courses to be eligible as Elective

- Related to economics
- Master's level
- Final grade

You need **6 ECTS** in total, you may combine multiple courses.

Types of courses that may be taken as electives:

1. Courses offered by MSc Economics at WU
2. Other courses offered by WU
3. Courses offered by other universities
4. Extracurricular service learning at WU

Electives – Types of courses (1)

1. Courses offered by WU's MSc Economics

- All **Field Courses** and **R&P Seminars**
- **Mandatory courses** of the track that you are *not* enrolled in
 - Students in Science Track: Economic Policy, Heterodox Economics, Public Economics, Topics in Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, and Topics in Applied Microeconomics
 - Students in Applied Track (that have the necessary methodological skills): all mandatory courses from Science Track with the exception of Game Theory
- Bridging courses are *not* eligible.

Registration:

- Field Course: via LPIS (or exam.master@wu.ac.at)
- R&P Seminar: exam.master@wu.ac.at
- Mandatory course: masterECON@wu.ac.at

Electives - Types of courses (2)

2. Other courses relating to economics on master's level offered by WU

Courses from **other master's programs**:

- contact masterECON@wu.ac.at (providing a link to the course's syllabus)
- We will register you if
 - Course fulfils the necessary criteria in form and content
 - Other program agrees (free spaces)
- QFin and SEEP currently do not allow for students of other programs

"Additional Courses" in Economics and Socioeconomics

- Offered by the Department of Economics and the Department of Socioeconomics (not part of a Master's curriculum)
- [Course catalog](#) (Master's Programs/Additional Courses/Economics and Socioeconomics).
- Workshop-type courses ("AG"s) are *not* eligible
- "Additional Courses" account for 1,5 ECTS per credit hour

Electives - Types of courses (3)

3. Courses offered by other universities in Austria and abroad

- **Exchange semester**
 - Check eligibility during pre-recognition process
- **Other Austrian universities**
 - Pre-recognition! (contact studienrecht@wu.ac.at *before* starting the course)

4. Extracurricular service learning at WU

- Combines service to the community with academic learning
- Exception: not related to economics, not graded, still eligible
- Programs offered

Elective – Make your credits count

Once your grade shows in LPIS, contact exam.master@wu.ac.at to assign your credits to the Elective.

Website for current students

short.wu.ac.at/masterecon

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Contact us - Consultation hours:

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Thank you for your attention!