

**MSc Economics**

# Areas of Specialization and Electives



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# Agenda

- 11:00 General Information on Areas of Specialization and Electives (Straka)
- 11:20 Behavioral and Experimental Economics (Fellner-Röhling)
- 11:35 Public Economics (Halla)
- 11:50 Spatial Economics (Kuschnig/Vashold)
  
- Slides “Industrial Organization”

# 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

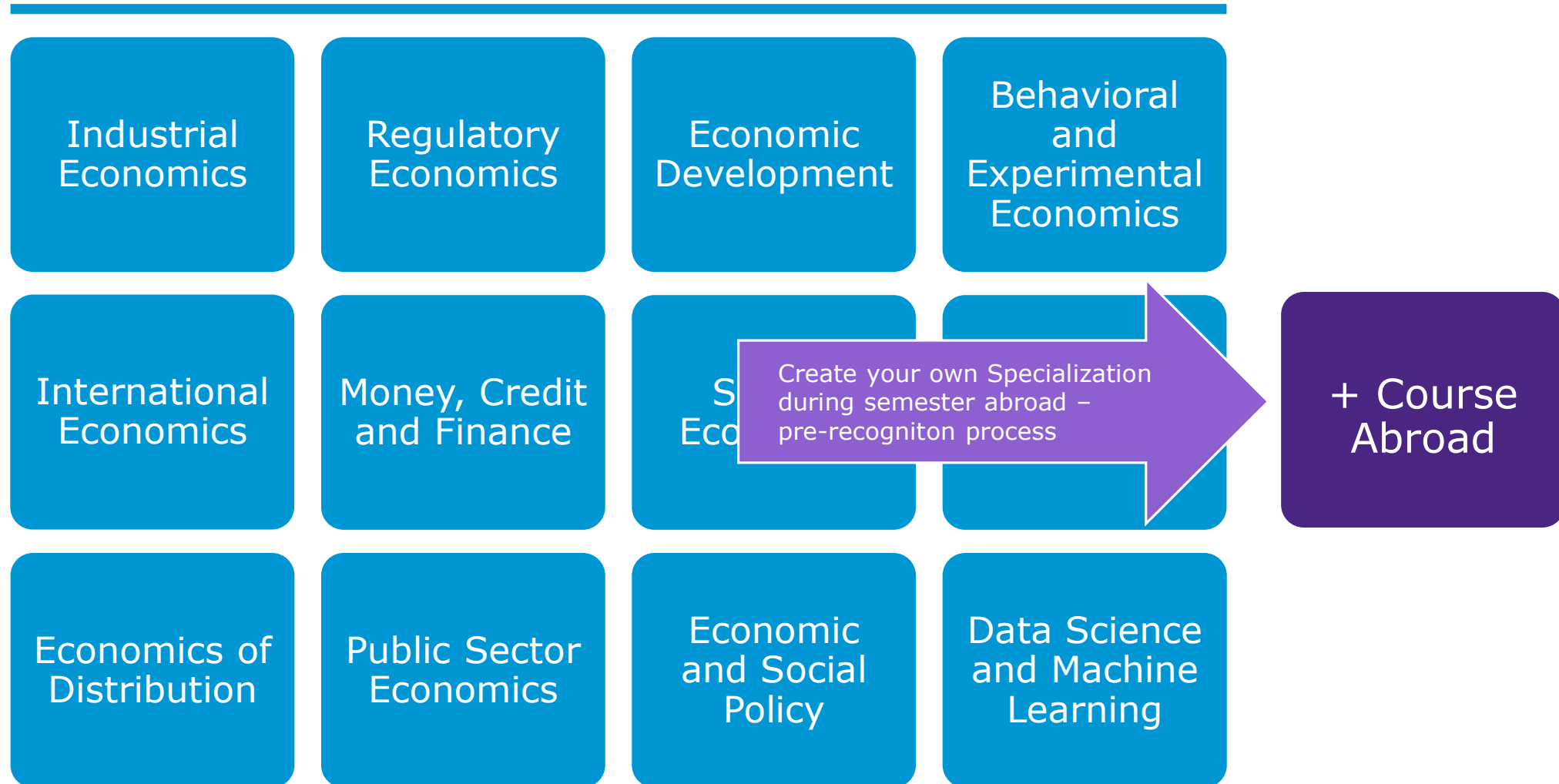
Economics of  
Distribution

Public Sector  
Economics

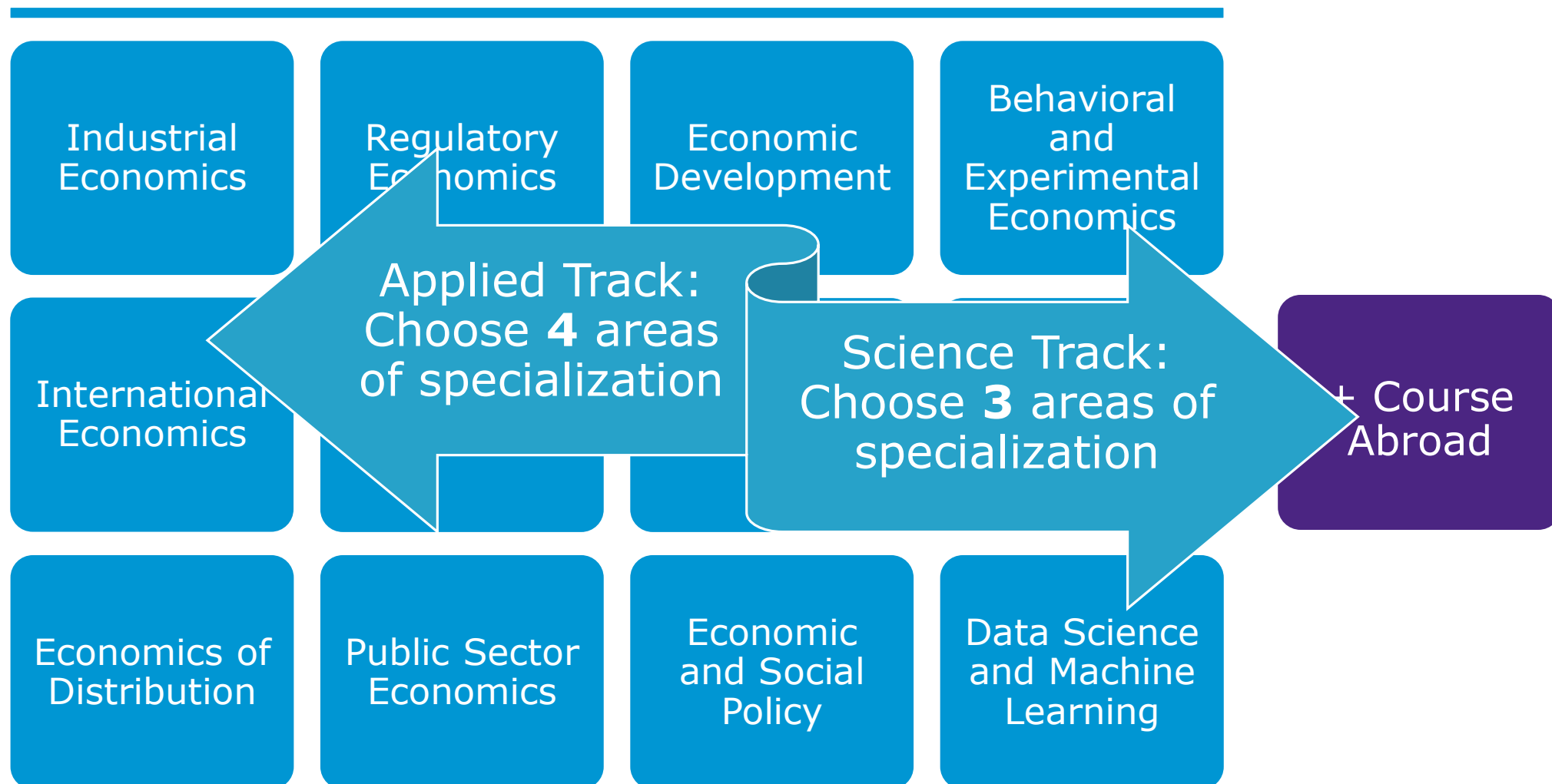
Economic  
and Social  
Policy

Data Science  
and Machine  
Learning

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# Field Courses and Research&Policy Seminars

## Field Courses

- 3-hour lecture
- Content mainly presented by lecturer
- Up to 30 students (4 reserved for incoming students)
- Take one Field Course within each of your chosen areas of specialization

## Research&Policy Seminars

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

Summer Semester 2024	Field Course	R&P Seminar
Behavioral and Experimental Economics	Fellner-Röhling	Fellner-Röhling
Industrial Organization	Weiss	Weiss
Public Sector Economics	Halla / Loretz	-
Spatial Economics	Kuschnig / Vashold	Kuschnig / Vashold

**Recommendation:** Take Field Course and Seminar in the same semester.

*Different semesters:* Check syllabus for compatibility.

Field Course during exchange semester, seminar at WU: Check compatibility with WU instructor.

Winter semester 2024/25: **preview** will be sent out **before** next course registration (semester start email)



# Course schedule summer semester

Montag 4	Dienstag 5	Mittwoch 6	Donnerstag 7	Freitag 8
07:00				
08:00	Topics in Macroeconomic Theory and Policy Crespo Cuaresma	Topics in Macroeconomic Theory and Policy Crespo Cuaresma		
09:00		Advanced Macroeconomics II Rabitsch		Macroeconometrics Zörner
10:00	Field Course: Public Sector Economics Halla/Loretz	Mathematics II - Part 1 Leydold	Industrial Organization (Field Course + R&P Seminar) Weiss	Mathematics II (Science Track) - Part 2 Leydold
11:00	Advanced Microeconometrics Oberhofer	Topics in Applied Microeconomics Gugler	Public Economics Halla	Public Economics Halla
12:00	Field Course: Behavioral and Experimental Economics Fellner-Röhling	Microeconomic Models and Methods Levkun	Macroeconometrics (Applied Track) Pfarrhofer	
13:00				Research & Policy Seminar: Spatial Economics Kuschnig/Vashold
14:00	Advanced Macroeconomics I (Science Track) Crespo Cuaresma	Field Course: Spatial Economics Kuschnig/Vashold	Heterodox Economics Grisold	Topics in Applied Microeconomics Asmat
15:00		Advanced Microeconomics I + II Berger		
16:00	Economic Policy Felbermayr	Microeconomics Szücs	Microeconomic Models and Methods Kartal	Advanced Macroeconomics Pfarrhofer
17:00	Research & Policy Seminar: Behavioral and Experimental Economics Fellner-Röhling	Business Analytics Szücs / Wohak		Microeconomic Models and Methods Kartal
18:00	Topics in Macroeconomic Theory and Policy Siuda	Microeconometrics Heß	Topics in Applied Microeconomics Fellner-Röhling	
19:00				



# Course registration and waiting lists

Register on time: January 20, **2 pm sharp**

Register

- 1) Field Course
- 2) R&P Seminar („register“ button only pops up once you registered for the Field Course)

If you end up on **waiting list**:

- You might still get - if spaces for incomings are not needed (takes a couple of days)
- If you don't: **attend first class** to see if you can still get in

## **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, Business Analytics, Public Economics, Topics in Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, and Topics in Applied Microeconomics
  - Students in Applied Track: 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](mailto:exam.master@wu.ac.at))
- R&P Seminar: [exam.master@wu.ac.at](mailto:exam.master@wu.ac.at)
- Mandatory course: [masterECON@wu.ac.at](mailto: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](mailto: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)
- Good cooperation with DigEcon, Socioeconomics, FiRe („german-taught“ but some courses in English),...
- QFin and SEEP currently do *not* allow for students of other programs

### "Additional Courses"

- Courses on master's level that are not part of master's curriculum
- If they fulfil the criteria (contact [masterECON@wu.ac.at](mailto:masterECON@wu.ac.at))
- [Course catalog](#) (Master's Programs/Additional Courses)
- Recommendations:
  - Scientific Working with R and LaTeX
  - SOLV – organized by ECON students

# Electives - Types of courses (3)

## 3. Courses offered by other universities in Austria and abroad

- **Exchange semester**
  - Check eligibility during pre-recognition process
- **EU.ENGAGE**
  - Online courses at one of the partneruniversities (Manheim, Toulouse,..)
  - <https://www.wu.ac.at/studium/incoming-students/engageeu-study-offerings/>
- **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

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Once your grade shows in LPIS, contact [exam.master@wu.ac.at](mailto:exam.master@wu.ac.at) to assign your credits to the Elective.

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## **Website for current students**

[short.wu.ac.at/masterecon](https://short.wu.ac.at/masterecon)

## **Contact us - Consultation hours:**

Florian Szücs: by appointment

Heidemarie Straka: Tuesday, 5-6 pm

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Thank you for your attention!