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Dear MasterEcon students,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and that you are enjoying your holidays. As usual, before start of course registration, let me provide you with some important information regarding the next semester. It is a long email – please still take the time to read it carefully.

Please, also consider the information on our [website for current students](#) (not the same as the website for *prospective* students!) as it contains a lot of useful information to help you navigate your studies smoothly. The easiest way to get there is this short-url: [short.wu.ac.at/masterecon](http://short.wu.ac.at/masterecon)

If you wish to refer back to this message later, you can also find it on our website under “Services”.

Best wishes,  
Heidemarie

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### 1) COURSES AND REGISTRATION

#### [Recommended program schedule](#)

When registering for your courses please bear in mind our recommended program schedule (attached).

#### [Start of LPIS registration](#)

Mon, February 19, 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> year courses
Mon, February 19, 4 pm	MTC
Tue, February 20, 2 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> year courses (except MTC)

It's a good idea to be online and prepared for registration as soon as it begins!

#### [Areas of Specialization: Field Courses and Research & Policy Seminars](#)

In January an info session on our Specializations and Electives took place to assist you choosing the courses that suit you best. Most presentation slides can be found on our website. For information on Public Sector Economics please refer to the course catalog or contact Martin Halla.

If there are waiting lists for specific courses, we will try to make more spaces available (e.g., by opening up spaces that were reserved for incoming students). If you still cannot get into a course, you can attend the first session to see if you can still join.

#### [Electives](#)

On our website you will find information on all your options to choose your Electives. The most common way is to

pick a field course. If you wish to take another course from WU (of another master's program or of the "additional courses") please check with me in advance to ensure that the course qualifies as Elective.

The following WU courses are definitely eligible:

- [Scientific Working with R and LaTeX](#) (starting on February 19; there will be another course offered in the second half of September)
- [Economics of Digitalization](#)
- Courses organized by Economics students: [SOLV](#) and [Reading Group](#)
- [Lectures for Future](#)
- [Sustainability Challenge](#)

#### [Master's Thesis Conference](#)

The registration period for the MTC taking place in June - currently set from February 19 till 25 – will be extended to May 23.

#### [Change in program structure – Macroeconomic Models and Methods, Public Economics](#)

Please note, that the recommended program schedule for the cohort 2024 will differ slightly from yours. Accordingly, we will, starting from winter semester 2024 offer Public Economics in the *winter* semester and Macroeconomic Models and Methods *summer* semester.

#### [Course schedule summer semester 2024](#)

The files attached is to give you a *brief overview* on course times. Some sessions might deviate from the schedule shown, so please consult the course catalog for all the details.

#### [Preview winter semester 2024/25](#)

To help you plan ahead, please find attached also the courses scheduled for the next winter semester. Please note that this program may be subject to change.

## 2) PROGRAM EVENTS IN SUMER SEMESTER

- **Graduation ceremony – March 14, 9:30**  
If you wish to invite your family and friends to WU to officially celebrate the completion of your studies together with your program peers and program representatives, please [visit](#)
- **Master's thesis conferences - March 14/15 and June 20/21**  
Students' projects are presented and discussed in a conference style setting. All students are welcome to join, whether to present their thesis, or to gain inspiration for their own projects and support their peers.
- **Specializations and Elective – May 13, 12:00**  
The teachers present their specializations, Heidemarie provides general information

## 3) COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION, AND FEEDBACK

#### [Website for MSc students](#)

The website for current students aims to provide detailed information regarding the program's structure and contents as well as practical advice and services.

As the website is not so easy to find within the structure of WU's website it is also accessible through this short-url: [short.wu.ac.at/masterecon](http://short.wu.ac.at/masterecon)

### [Reach out to program team](#)

You are always welcome to contact us for any question, concern, suggestion, or complaint you might have regarding your studies. [Here](#) you will find information on how to best reach us.

New: I am now offering regular consultation hours. Currently on Tuesdays, 5 to 6 pm.

In the summer semester that will be switched to Tuesdays, 3 – 4 (to accommodate 1<sup>st</sup> year students' schedule).

### [Feedback](#)

Please use the opportunity to evaluate your courses at the end of each semester. Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will ask you to give us feedback on the program as a whole.

### [LinkedIn – get connected](#)

More than 500 students and graduates have already joined the MSc Economics [LinkedIn](#)-group sharing information about the career paths they are pursuing. Participation is optional, but we would like to encourage you to join the network as it links you to a broader range of MSc students and graduates.

## 4) SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

WU offers a variety of services to support students in challenging situations or specific living conditions.

These services aim to help you dealing with study-related problems ranging from learning difficulties or conflicts to discrimination or harassment.

To give you an overview, our department has put together the file attached.

As “person-of-trust” at the Department I am in touch with the various support units at WU. In case you are not quite sure who to turn to, you can always contact me confidentially.