Dear MasterEcon students,

url: short.wu.ac.at/masterecon

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 <u>website for current students</u> (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-

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

Best regards, Aylin Yilmaz

### 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

Wed October 02, 2 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> year courses
Tue, September 16, 2 pm	MTC October
Tue, December 09, 2 pm	MTC January
Tue, September 16, 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 June 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. As last semester, we use a **preference-based registration** system to allocate

the spaces for R&P Seminars (and corresponding Field Courses). For detailed information please refer to my emails sent out earlier this week.

On September 16, you will have the opportunity to register for additional courses **via LPIS** as well as to de-register from others.

Please note that the registration field for R&P Seminars only shows up once you have successfully registered for the corresponding Field Course.

### **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.

#### **Master's Thesis Conference**

The registration period for the MTC taking place in October - currently set from September 16 till 21 and for the MTC in January will be from December 09 till 14. You will receive all further information in the first online session.

### Course schedule winter semester 2025/26

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 summer semester 2026**

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

# 2) Program Events in Winter Semester

representatives, please visit

- Graduation ceremony –October 5, 1pm
   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
- Master's thesis conferences October 23/24 and January 22/23
   Students' projects are presented and discussed in a conference style setting. <u>All students</u> are welcome to join, whether to present their thesis, or to gain inspiration for their own projects and support their peers.

## Specializations and Elective – January 15, 3pm

The teachers present their specializations, Heidemarie provides general information

## 3) Communication, Information, and feedback

#### Website for MSc students

The <u>website for current students</u> 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: <u>short.wu.ac.at/masterecon</u>

# 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. <u>Here</u> you will find information on how to best reach us.

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

### 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 <u>LinkedIn</u>-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.