Dear MasterEcon students,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and that you are enjoying your holidays.
As the new semester approaches, I would like to share some important information to support you as you get started.
This is a long email – please take a moment to read it carefully.

For additional resources, please visit our internal website as it contains a lot of useful material to help you navigate your studies smoothly.
The easiest way to get there is through this short-url: short.wu.ac.at/masterecon

There, you can also find this message under "Services" for future reference.

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, September 21, 4 pm	2nd year courses (except MTC January)
Fri, October 2, 1 pm	1st year courses
Mon, Jan 11, 3 pm	MTC January

Areas of Specialization: Field Courses and Research & Policy Seminars
In June, we held an info session on our Specialization Courses and Electives. The presentation slides are available on our internal website.

We used a preference-based registration system to allocate the spaces for R&P Seminars (and corresponding Field Courses). Students have already been registered accordingly.
Once LPIS opens, you will have the opportunity to register for additional specialization courses – either securing a spot or joining the waiting list.
If your plans have changed since submitting the form, please remember to *de-register* in LPIS to give people on waiting lists a chance to secure a place.

Note: In LPIS, the registration field for R&P Seminars only appears after you have successfully registered for the corresponding Field Course.

Electives
Our internal website outlines all your Elective options. The most common choice is a Field Course, but there is more…
NEW: From now on, you will find a list of WU courses from other programs that have already been approved as Elective in the past.

Course Schedule Winter Semester 2026
The files attached is to give you a brief overview on course times. Some sessions might deviate, so please consult the course catalog for details.

Preview Summer Semester 2027
Attached you will also find the courses scheduled for the next summer semester. Please note that this program may be subject to change.

2) Program Events in Winter Semester

- **Master's Thesis Conferences – October 15/16 and January 21/22**
  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.
- **Graduation Ceremony – November 3, 11:30**
  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 follow this link.
- **Info Session - Semester Abroad – November 5, 13:30-15:00**
  Info session with the international office exclusively for MSc Economics students considering a semester abroad.
- **Info Session - Master's Thesis – November 24, 11:00**
  Info session with Florian Szücs on how to prepare and successfully complete your thesis.
- **Christmas Party – December 17, 16:00**
  Informal get together before the Christmas break. There will be Pizza!
- **Info Session – Areas of Specialization and Elective – January 11, 14:00**
  Heidemarie provides a general introduction, lecturers present their fields. Slides are made available on internal website.
- **Job Interview Coaching Session - tbd**
  Daniel Hardy, former chief of the Debt Capital Markets Division at the IMF, is holding an interview coaching session on techniques for non-academic job interviews exclusively for our students.

3) Communication, Information, and Feedback

Website for MSc students
Our internal website 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

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.
If you wish to talk to me in person, just drop by my office during my regular consultation hour or make an appointment for another time. The time changes each semester (to accommodate 1st year students' schedule). This winter semester it will be on Thursdays 3 to 4 pm in my office (D4.2.054).

Feedback
Please use the opportunity to evaluate your courses at the end of each semester. Additionally, at the end of each 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.