

# Seminar in Macroeconomics

Summer Term 2019

- Bachelor and Master -

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The seminar is offered to both Bachelor's and Master's students. It is expected that participants have successfully completed the basic courses in micro- and macroeconomics and economic policy. The seminar enables the students to work independently on a research topic using recent scientific literature, to present it in written and oral form, and to discuss their fellow students' work.

## Registration and Seminar Structure

To participate in the seminar, please register by **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**. To register, complete the registration form on the [seminar's website](#). This registration is not binding. However, without registration we reserve the right to deny participation. The number of participants is limited. Priority is given to students who have successfully completed a course offered by the Chair of Macroeconomics and who are in need of a course certificate.

The first (informational) session will take place on **Friday, 5 April, 2:15-3:45pm in room H 0106**. During the informational session, the topics are published and participants indicate their preferences. Afterwards, the staff of the Chair of Macroeconomics matches preferences and topics. Upon assignment of a topic, participants are given a short description of their topic and some introductory literature. This literature is meant to present a starting point from which participants are expected to conduct an intensive literature research on their own. After the informational session, participants will start to prepare a seminar paper.

During two lecture sessions, **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10:15-11:45am in room H 0107**, an introduction to important concepts for understanding growth theory will be given.

Participants have until **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April** to withdraw from the seminar without failing the course. Afterwards, participation is binding and we ask students to register via QISPOS (alternatively yellow sheet from the examination office).

The **seminar paper** is expected to be 15-20 pages of length and to be written in accordance with scientific standards (*guidelines for academic writing*). The deadline for submitting the written paper is **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Please submit two hardcopies of the paper as well as an electronic version in pdf. It is mandatory that each participant meets at least once with her/his supervisor to report on the progress with the written paper. Of course, multiple meetings – if necessary – are offered by each supervisor.

Additionally, participants will give an **oral presentation** (30 min.) during the weekly seminar sessions **starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. The objective is to present the topic of the seminar thesis, the research question, method, and the outcome/results of the paper. All presentation slides should be converted to pdf.

Each participant is expected to read the seminar papers of all other participants before the respective presentation. At the end of each presentation, there will be a substantive discussion amongst all participants.

Participation in the seminar meetings is mandatory. Missing more than three seminar sessions results in a grade 5.0. If you miss a seminar session, please present a doctor's notice. Missing without a doctor's notice is acceptable for at most one seminar session.

**Grading** of the seminar is based upon the written paper (50%), the presentation (25%) and the classroom discussions (25%).

### **Schedule**

Registration deadline:	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Informational session:	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, 14:15-15:45, H 0106
Lecture Session	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
Lecture/Exercise Session	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
Submission deadline written paper:	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Presentation sessions (weekly):	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, 10:15-11:45, H 0107
Additional block seminar session (if needed):	Fr. 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sa. 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, tba
End of presentation sessions:	<i>depends on number of participants</i>