

1	Module name MSE-	Seminar: Current topics in labor market policy	5 ECTS
2	Courses/lectures	S: Current topics in labor market policy (3 SWS)	5 ECTS
3	Lecturers	Prof. Fitzenberger	

4	Module coordinator	Prof. Fitzenberger
5	Contents	Labor economics is a field with high policy relevance. The seminar on current topics in labor market policy focuses on current developments in the labor market and policy responses. At the beginning of the semester there will be an introduction into the theoretical basis and the policy context of the topics covered in the seminar.
6	Learning objectives and skills	The seminar allows students to acquire experience on how to use economic theory, data analysis, and empirical methods to analyze current topics in labor economics and labor market problems. Students learn how to profoundly discuss policy issues and to assess policy proposals. Students also learn how to write a structured thesis on a subject in economic policy. The seminar, in addition, provides the opportunity to practice and develop further discussion and presentation skills.
7	Recommended prerequisites	Recommended for students in their fifth or sixth semester. Successful completion of elementary courses in economics such as Mikroökonomie (Microeconomics) and Makroökonomie (Macroeconomics) and in Statistics and Regression Analysis is expected. A course in labor economics is recommended.
8	Integration in curriculum	6 th Semester
9	Module compatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kernbereich für Studierende im Bachelor Wirtschaftswissenschaften mit Schwerpunkt VWL • Vertiefungsbereich im Bachelor International Business Studies • Wahlfach im Bachelor International Business Studies (bei Studienbeginn ab WiSe2021) • Vertiefungsbereich im Bachelor Wirtschaftswissenschaften mit Schwerpunkt VWL • Vertiefungsbereich im Bachelor in Sozialökonomik mit Schwerpunkt International • Seminar kann als <i>Seminar in international Economic Studies</i> im Bachelor International Economic Studies anerkannt werden
10	Method of examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seminar paper - Presentation - Class participation
11	Grading procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seminar paper (60 %) - Presentation+Participation (40 %)
12	Module frequency	Annually in the summer term. The focus area, selected topics and dates for the seminar will be made available on the Chair's website at the end of the winter semester.
13	Workload	Lecture hours: 16h Independent study: 134 h
14	Module duration	1 semester: two introductory lectures at the beginning of the semester and a block course in the 2nd half of the semester.
15	Teaching and	English

	examination language	
16	Recommended Reading	Borjas, G. (2019). Labor Economics, 8 th edition, McGraw Hill. Franz, W. (2013). Arbeitsmarktkonomik, 8. Auflage, Springer-Gabler. OECD Employment Outlook, various years, Paris.
17	Information on Summer Semester 2021	The course is planned with physical meeting. If necessary due to the pandemic, it will be conducted in a virtual format for the time being. Updates will be provided on the website and StudOn. Contact: Prof. Bernd Fitzenberger (bernd.fitzenberger@ fau.de)