



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



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ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME(S) / STUDY TRACK(S)

Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies
Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies (Study Track: European Security and Strategy)
Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (Study Track: European Interdisciplinary Studies)
Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (Study Track: European Interdisciplinary Studies - European Security and Strategy)

YEAR

2026-2027

COURSE TITLE

Introduction to Economics

SEMESTER

1

PROFESSOR(S)

BOBROWICZ Barbara

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT(S)

STEINGASS Sebastian

COURSE TYPE

Introductory Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

0

TEACHING HOURS

0

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

10

TUTORIAL(S)

0

COEFFICIENT

0

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This introductory course provides non-economists with a comprehensive and introductory overview of economics. The focus of the course is on economic principles. The course will examine both microeconomics (the study of individual decision making by consumers and businesses) and macroeconomics (the study of social level problems that most often are reported in the evening news, e.g., economic growth, inflation, unemployment, government spending and taxes, money and interest rates and international exchange and trade).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- 1) Understand the basic theoretical concepts of economics (A1, B7, MATA1.1);
- 2) Apply their knowledge and understand daily policy-making issues in economics (A5, B7);
- 3) Understand economic topics in newspapers and take part in and assess debates on economic affairs (A5, B7);
- 4) Tackle in an autonomous way questions of economic significance and interpret economic data (B6, B7).

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

E-learning.

ASSESSMENT METHOD(S)

None.

COURSE CONTENTS

Module 1: Introduction

Module 2: Market Interactions

Module 3: How markets work?

Module 4: Inflation, Unemployment and Money

Module 5: Gross Domestic Product

Module 6: Economic Growth

Module 7: The role of Government

Module 8: Trade

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Course materials include videos, readings (articles and chapters), exercises, and quizzes.