

1	Module name RUW-6551	Development economics	5 ECTS
2	Courses/lectures	L: Development economics (2 SWS) E: Exercise course in development economics (2 SWS)	2,5 ECTS 2,5 ECTS
3	Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Rincke and assistants	

4	Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Rincke
5	Contents	The lecture covers the principles of modern development economics and, using various examples from the current literature, highlights the core topics, the methodological challenges, and the key findings derived in this sub-discipline of economics. The lecture has a microeconomic focus, i.e. it covers mostly decisions of individuals and households. A core topic of the lecture is why poor individuals and households are often struggling to leave poverty and to advance to more adequate living conditions, and which policies can help to overcome poverty traps. In the exercise course accompanying the lecture, the focus is on empirical methods, their applications and replications of selected studies from the literature. Overall, the module is of a very applied nature.
6	Learning objectives and skills	The module aims at providing students with a comprehensive set of conceptual and methodological tools to analyse problems in development economics. Specifically, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - students get an overview of modern development economics and the history of thought in this sub-discipline - learn how to analyse specific problems in development economics, based on the current journal literature - deal intensively with applied methods in modern development economics, in particular with experimental methods and advanced methods of data analysis - learn to understand, evaluate and replicate empirical studies in development economics
7	Prerequisites	Students should have passed the assessment phase and should have completed the core modules on statistics and the basics of empirical data analysis
8	Integration in curriculum	4th semester or later
9	Module compatibility	- Module in study area „Economic Policy“ - Module in elective courses
1	Method of examination	- Electronic examination (60 Min.) - Presentation (30 Min.)
1	Grading procedure	- Electronic examination (50 %) - Presentation (50 %)
1	Module frequency	Summer term, optional exercise course in the winter term
1	Workload	Lecture hours: 60 h Self-study: 90 h
1	Module duration	One semester
1	Teaching and examination language	English
1	Recommended reading	Banerjee, A. & Duflo, E. (2011), Poor Economics, Penguin Books