

1	Module name 86225	Seminar: European integration	5 ECTS
2	Courses/lectures	S: Seminar (3 SWS)	5 ECTS
3	Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Büttner und Mitarbeiter/innen	

4	Module coordinator	Prof. Dr. Büttner
5	Contents	<p>The member states of the European Union are economically highly integrated in terms of trade, investment, capital and labor mobility. At the same time, however, economic policy is largely conducted by national governments and various supranational institutions. This raises questions about how the EU can deal with various challenges to economic policy, whether reforms are required and if so what kind of reforms.</p> <p>The seminar focuses on selected current topics in the area of economic policy in the EU. Past topics included causes and consequences of the Brexit, the reform of the EU Budget, the Euro Crisis, the EU's involvement in trade agreements (e.g., CETA), Common Energy Policy, and Migration in Europe. Each seminar participant will write a seminar thesis that describes a specific issue in the subject area and uses economic principles to discuss potential solutions. The seminar itself consists of presentations and structured discussions in the class room.</p>
6	Learning objectives and skills	The seminar allows students to acquire experience on how to assess policy from an economic perspective. Students learn how to profoundly discuss current policy issues and to assess current policy proposals based on economic principles. Students acquire insights into current issues related to the process of European integration and to the role of the European institutions. 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 third or fourth semester. Successful completion of elementary courses in economics such as <i>Mikroökonomie</i> (Microeconomics) and <i>Makroökonomie</i> (Macroeconomics) is expected.
8	Integration in curriculum	Semester 4
9	Module compatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - <i>Students have to participate in a seminar before writing a Bachelor's thesis in the field of finance.</i>

10	Method of examination	- Seminar paper - Presentation - Class participation
11	Grading procedure	- Seminar paper (50 %) - Presentation (30 %) - Class participation (20 %)
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: 16 h Self-study: 134 h
14	Module duration	Block in the 2nd half of the semester
15	Teaching and examination language	English
16	(Recommended) reading	Will be announced together with the topics.