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Introduction to Development Policy and Economics

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study Joint Bachelor in Sustainability		Education cycle 2025/26	
Speciality Social Sciences & Humanities		Subject code UJ.WPAJBSSSHS.880.16582.25	
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Lecture languages english	
Study level first cycle (joint degree programme)		Subject related to scientific research Yes	
Study form full-time degree programme		Disciplines Political science and administration, Economics and finance	
Education profile General academic		ISCED classification 0312 Political sciences and civics	
Mandatory elective		USOS code	
Subject coordinator	Piotr Szwedo		
Lecturer	Philipp Kerler, Kassandra Birchler		
Period Semester 4	Examination exam	Number of ECTS points 3.0	
	Activities and hours Lecture: 22		

Goals

C1	The aim of this course is to provide students with insights into current issues in development policy and introduce economic analytical tools to study these issues. The course emphasizes the political economy and behavioral economics perspectives, highlighting the complexity of "development" and the necessity of multi-dimensional approaches to address development problems.
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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student knows and understands:			
W1	the main theoretical approaches in development economics, including political economy and behavioral economics.	JBS_K1_W01, JBS_K1_W07	written exam
W2	the main challenges and approaches to development policy.	JBS_K1_W03, JBS_K1_W04, JBS_K1_W05, JBS_K1_W06	written exam
Skills - Student can:			
U1	apply the learned theoretical approaches to analyze development policy problems.	JBS_K1_U01	written exam
U2	critically evaluate different policy options and develop their own solutions.	JBS_K1_U03	written exam
Social competences - Student is ready for:			
K1	to discuss complex development policy issues in a structured, theoretically and empirically informed way.	JBS_K1_K03, JBS_K1_K05	written exam

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*	
Lecture	22	
preparation for classes	30	
preparation for the exam	38	
Student workload	Hours 90	ECTS 3.0

* hour means 45 minutes

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
1.	Organization, Poverty, and Inequality	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
2.	Poverty and Inequality	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
3.	Economic Development	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
4.	State, Society and Politics	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
5.	Fiscal, Monetary, and Social Policy	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
6.	Population, Education, and Health	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes
7.	Environment and Development	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
8.	Globalization	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
9.	International Cooperation I	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1
10.	International Cooperation II	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1

Course advanced

Teaching methods :

text analysis, lecture with multimedia presentation, discussion, practicals

Activities	Examination methods	Credit conditions
Lecture	written exam	Active participation, class discussion (non-graded); written exam (graded).

Entry requirements

None

Literature

Obligatory

1. Günther, Isabel, Kenneth Harttgen & Katharina Michaelowa (2020) Einführung in die Entwicklungsökonomik, UTB.

Effects

Code	Content
JBS_K1_K03	The graduate can consider different visions of the future and develop own evidence-based opinions in reference to the balance of values linked to economic development, social welfare, and environmental protection.
JBS_K1_K05	The graduate can defend the importance of scientific data and methods as a basis for decision-making.
JBS_K1_U01	The graduate can critically analyse academic literature, formulate research questions and conduct research under supervision.
JBS_K1_U03	The graduate can apply adequate methods and tools, including selected IT tools, to solve problems related to data collection, analysis, and management in the context of sustainability.
JBS_K1_W01	The graduate can describe the concept of sustainability and recognize the differences in relevant definitions, models and approaches.
JBS_K1_W03	The graduate can give examples of sustainability-related dilemmas and hypothesize on the optimal course of action.
JBS_K1_W04	The graduate can identify sustainability-related problems specific to selected cultural, geographical, and political contexts.
JBS_K1_W05	The graduate can identify essential international instruments and institutions related to sustainability and explain their potential role in resolution of a given problem.
JBS_K1_W06	The graduate can describe interconnections between various aspects of sustainability and identify their significance in the context of natural and social sciences, with a special focus on disciplines included in the selected specialisation track (law and politics; chemistry and physics; chemistry and biology; economics and geography; economics, management and engineering; humanities).
JBS_K1_W07	The graduate can apply the theory and methodology of disciplines included in the selected specialisation track to sustainability-related problems, taking into consideration practical limitations such as protection of intellectual property.