

Migration Economics

Course Outline

1. General information

Responsible unit:	Arbeitsgruppe für Arbeitsmarkt- und Migrationsökonomik
Lecturer:	Prof. Dr. Julia Bredtmann
Tutorial:	Dr. Fernanda Martinez Flores
Class times:	Wednesday, 12pm–2pm (lecture, room V15 R03 H60) & Wednesday, 4pm–6pm (tutorial, room R12 R06 A93) First class: April 9, 2025
Credit points:	6 ECTS
Language:	English

2. Description

This module aims at introducing the participants to the economics of migration and consists of a lecture and an integrated tutorial. In the lecture, the participants are introduced to the basic theoretical and empirical concepts of the main topics of the economics of migration. In the tutorial, the content is repeated and deepened through the joint development of solutions to theoretical and empirical exercises. The active discussion of scientific studies and the processing of empirical tasks introduces students to independent scientific work.

3. Eligibility and prerequisites

The course is open to master students enrolled in the M.Sc. “Volkswirtschaftslehre”, the M.Sc. “Econometrics” or the M.Sc. “Märkte und Unternehmen”.

To attend the course, students should have a solid background in microeconomics and econometrics and a great interest in empirical research.

4. Course material

All course material will be provided in the respective Moodle course (Migration Economics SoSe25, <https://lehre.moodle.uni-due.de/enrol/instances.php?id=2046>). The password will be communicated in the first lecture.

5. Course grading

A module-related examination in the form of a written exam (60-90 minutes) or an oral examination (20-40 minutes) is held for the module. The specific form of examination depends on the number of students and is determined by the lecturer within the first few weeks of the semester.

This course uses a presentation as an exercise in working with academic literature. By presenting a scientific paper in class, students can earn extra points that will count towards the final score of the exam. More information on the presentation and the papers will be given in the first lecture.

6. Course schedule (preliminary)

The lecture is scheduled weekly on Wednesday, 12.15pm–1.45pm.

Date	Content*
09/04/2025	Organizational issues / Introduction
16/04/2023	Lecture: The Decision to Migrate
23/04/2025	Presentations & Discussion: Irregular Immigration (2a) & The Welfare Magnet Hypothesis (2b)
30/04/2025	Lecture: The Selection of Immigrants
07/05/2025	Presentations & Discussion: The Selection of Immigrants
14/05/2025	Lecture: The Economic Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants (Part 1) & Presentation: 4a
21/05/2025	Lecture: The Economic Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants (Part 2) & Presentation: 4b
28/05/2025	Lecture: Discrimination against Immigrants
04/06/2025	Presentations & Discussion: Discrimination against Immigrants
11/06/2025	Lecture: The Economic Effects of Immigration on the Receiving Countries
18/06/2025	Lecture: The Labor Market Effects of Immigration
25/06/2025	No lecture
02/07/2025	Presentations & Discussion: The Labor Market Effects of Immigration
09/07/2025	Lecture: Labor Market Effects: Why Do Studies Reach Such Different Results?
XX/XX/2025	Exam (1st exam date)
XX/XX/2025	Exam (2nd exam date)

*Please note that the course schedule might be liable to changes.

7. Basic literature

Bodvarsson, Ö. and H. van den Berg (2013), *The Economics of Immigration – Theory and Policy*. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer.

Borjas, G. J. (2014), *Immigration Economics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Further literature will be communicated in the course.