

Overview of Economics Courses offered at the JFKI and the School of Business & Economics:

Courses offered at the JFKI:

| Disciplinary Orientation Modules | Advanced Modules | |
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| | A (Macroeconomic Theory and Applications) | B (Economic History/Thought, Economic Policy and Case Studies) |
| Introduction to Economic Reasoning (Proseminar) | Monetary and Fiscal Policies | Wall Street and Finance in the US |
| Introduction to Statistical Reasoning (Seminar) | Topics in Macroeconomics | An Introduction to American Economic History |

Courses offered at the School of Business & Economics (with semester recommendation):

| Semester | Module |
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| 1 | Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre (6 LP) |
| 2 | - |
| 3 | Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler (6 LP) |
| 4 | Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie (6 LP) |
| 5 | Grundlagen der Makroökonomie (6 LP) |
| 6 | Wahlpflichtmodul (6 LP) |

The course “Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie“ can also be taken in the second Semester, since it is usually offered every summer term. However, this is not recommended since the class “Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler” covers substantial theoretical principles which are then used and applied in the course “Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie”. It is therefore recommended to take the course “Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler” **before** “Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie”.

Theoretically it is also possible to take the class „Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler“ in the first semester. However, you should keep in mind that the course comprises a lecture, a lecture recitation and a review session every week. Therefore, it can be very time-consuming and quite a challenge for the first semester.

Therefore, it is recommended to take the course „Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler“ in the third and „Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie“ in the fourth semester. If you feel like you have deficits in mathematics or forgot many of the basics from school, you should definitely consider taking the “Mathematik Brückenkurs.” It is offered by the department of economics shortly before the start of each winter term as a short preparatory course for “Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler.”

The following section offers a detailed recommendation of how to practically combine classes from the JFKI and the School of Business & Economics in each semester.

1st and 2nd Semester

If you choose economics as one of your three main disciplines at the JFKI, you will usually have to take the courses “Introduction to Economic Reasoning” and “Introduction to Statistical Reasoning,” since they are both part of the disciplinary orientation module (Disziplinäres Orientierungsmodul) in economics. Both courses require no prior knowledge or training in economics and are perfect for beginners.

Since „Introduction to Economic Reasoning“ is usually offered in the winter term, it is recommended to take this course in the first semester. This course is very similar to “Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre,” which is offered in the 30LP economics minor, also usually in the winter term. It hence makes sense to take both courses at the same time, preferably during your first semester.

In the second semester, the JFKI offers (and recommends) the course “Introduction to Statistical Reasoning“. As mentioned above, it is not recommended to take a course at the School of Business & Economics in this semester, since the class „Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler“ should be taken first.

3rd and 4th Semester

Once you have passed both courses of the disciplinary orientation module in economics at the JFKI, you do not really have to worry in which order to take the remaining courses in the advanced modules (Vertiefungsmodule). The courses of the advanced modules do not build upon one another and can be taken independently. However, you should remember to look up which course is offered in what semester to make sure you can pick the combination that interests you the most. It can also be useful to take courses from the JFKI together with similar courses from the 30LP economics minor at the same time.

The School of Business & Economics recommends the course “Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler“ for the 3rd semester. It teaches basics in mathematics that can be useful for other courses at the economics department, e.g. “Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie.”

In the fourth semester it is recommended to take the class „Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie“ at the School of Business & Economics.

5th and 6th Semester

Of course, most BA students at the JFKI spend their 5th and 6th semester abroad. If you want to finish your studies within the regular time frame (6 semesters), you should think ahead and see which courses you must have completed at the FU before your exchange begins and what courses you could also take at the exchange university. It is best to check the course list of your exchange university early on and ask whether the FU Berlin will give you credit for the courses you want to take abroad.

Suggested Course of Study (JFKI and School of Business & Economics combined)

| | Courses at the JFKI | Courses at the School of Business & Economics |
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| 1st Semester | Introduction to Economic Reasoning | Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre |
| 2nd Semester | Introduction to Statistical Reasoning | - |
| 3rd Semester | Any advanced module | Mathematik für Wirtschaftswissenschaftler |
| 4th Semester | Any advanced module | Grundlagen der Mikroökonomie |
| 5th Semester | Any advanced module | Grundlagen der Makroökonomie |
| 6th Semester | Any advanced module | Wahlpflichtmodul |