

Seminar Paper: three topics to be chosen from: Labour Economics, Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, International Economics or Environmental Economics. (F000542)

**Course size** (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)  
**Credits** 6.0      **Study time** 180 h      **Contact hrs** 60.0 h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2017-2018**

A (year)      integration seminar      60.0 h

**Lecturers in academic year 2017-2018**

Peersman, Gert	EB02	lecturer-in-charge
Albrecht, Johan	EB01	co-lecturer
Baert, Stijn	EB03	co-lecturer
Heylen, Freddy	EB03	co-lecturer
Rayp, Glenn	EB01	co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2017-2018**

	crdts	offering
<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Economics</a>	6	A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

labour economics, macroeconomics, monetary economics, international economics, environmental economics

**Position of the course**

The purpose of the course is that students choose three subjects out of a list of five (labour economics, macroeconomics, monetary economics, international economics, environmental economics). The students will work in small groups and under direct guidance of the professor responsible for the subject concerned. They will have to analyse an economic problem thoroughly, report their findings in a paper and present the findings to the rest of the group. Students will be subdivided in small groups that have to work on a specific economic problem. The problems are related to subjects that have been touched upon in other courses and that are now deeper analysed by the students themselves, but under direction of the professor and his scientific staff. The economic problems analysed can vary year by year. It is the intention that the students use knowledge and abilities acquired during the bachelor programme to conduct independent and scientific (hence critical) research. In this way they will acquire the skill to analyse and solve problems in a scientific manner. At the same time students will have to collaborate with different teams of students and will need to write down and present their findings appropriately and convincingly. This enhances the students' communicative skills and their ability to work in team.

**Contents**

The content depends on the chosen subjects and the actual economic situation. For each subject the students will have to write a paper and present and defend their findings to the group of all students.

**Initial competences**

Closely related to the final competences of other courses, namely economics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, labour economics, banking and finance, monetary economics, international economics, public finance, econometrics and environmental economics.

**Final competences**

To be able to critically analyse actual economic problems with a team of students, to find scientifically sound solutions for the problems and to communicate the results in a clear manner, both orally (in the form of a presentation) and in written form (in the form of a paper).

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Integration seminar

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Students are directed in small groups by the professor and his scientific staff. Students present and defend their subjects to the other students.

**Learning materials and price**

Papers provided by the professors concerned.

**References**

Depends on the chosen subjects.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Interim feedback will be provided.

**Evaluation methods**

continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period****Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period****Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation**

Oral examination, assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**

examination during the second examination period is not possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Permanent evaluation of the paper and the presentation by the professor concerned.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Permanent evaluation (100%).

A student can not pass this course as for one of the three subjects less than eight out of twenty is achieved