



**LUND**  
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School of Economics and Management

## **NEKP42, Economics: International Macroeconomic Theory, 7.5 credits**

*Nationalekonomi: Internationell makroekonomisk teori, 7,5  
högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 to be valid from 2011-06-07, autumn semester 2011.

### **General Information**

This is a single subject master in economics belonging to the 'Macroeconomics' specialisation. The course is either obligatory or optional within a number of master programmes at Lund University.

*Language of instruction:* English

Teaching is in English. (Teaching may be in Swedish if all registered students have a good knowledge of Swedish).

*Main field of studies*

Economics

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1F, Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

The student shall:

- master standard open economy macroeconomic models,
- understand the determinants of the current account,
- understand the role of intertemporal decision-making for consumption, investment and the current account,
- understand the scope and consequences of taxation and fiscal policy in an open economy and the global economy,

- understand the macroeconomic effects of the public debt,
- understand the determinants of the world interest rate and its implications for a small, open economy,
- understand the determination of the real exchange rate and its consequences for the economy.

### **Competence and skills**

The student shall be able to:

- use the theory through the manipulation of formal macroeconomic models with the purpose of generating economic interpretations,
- translate the model to simulations with given parameters,
- adapt given models to current macroeconomic policy problems,
- generalize their knowledge to topics not treated in the course,
- recount and discuss macroeconomic issues in a clear and concise manner with the help of advanced theories.

### **Judgement and approach**

Students shall have developed the ability to pursue further studies in the subject and should be able to search for and evaluate information with a high degree of independence. Students shall also have developed the ability to individually write a macroeconomic essay.

### **Course content**

The course covers open economy macroeconomic theory at an advanced analytical and formal level. It develops standard macroeconomic models into the framework of an open economy with intertemporal decision-making. Topics covered include various macroeconomic aspects including the intertemporal decision-making on and development of the current account, consumption, investment, public consumption, taxes, the public debt. In terms of economic policy, the scope and consequences of fiscal policy in an open economy is analysed.

No specific gender perspective is adopted in this course.

### **Course design**

1. Teaching: Tuition consists of lectures.

### **Assessment**

1. Examination: The examination consists of a written exam and home assignments. The written exam takes place at the end of the course. There will be further opportunities for examination close to this date. Points gained on the home assignments count at exams during the current term. Other forms of examination may be used a limited extent.
2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: The official grading scale is A, B, C, D, E and Fail.
2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –
3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

## **Entry requirements**

Students who have been admitted to a Master Programme in Economics or the Master Programme in Economic Research Methods and have taken the course NEKN41 "Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis" are eligible to take this course. For other students at least 90 ECTS-credits in economics are required. These must include 30 ECTS-credits at the advanced level, including NEKN41 "Advanced Macroeconomics" or its equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. Transitional regulations: The course replaces NEKM54 "International Macroeconomic Theory".
2. Limitations in the period of validity: –
3. Limitations: The course may not be included in the same degree as NEKM54 "International Macroeconomic Theory".
4. Similar courses. –
5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

## Subcourses in NEKP42, Economics: International Macroeconomic Theory

Applies from V13

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