

Profile description for Macroeconomics: Growth and Fluctuations

Enclosure to the curriculum for the Master of Science in Economics



This profile description is an enclosure to the curriculum for the Master of Science in Economics.

The profile description applies to students commencing the profile as from September 2013.

It is recommended also to read the curriculum as well as the ministerial orders.

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1. The title of the profile in Danish and English

The title of the profile is in Danish: Kandidatuddannelsen i Økonomi (med profil i Makroøkonomi: Vækst og konjunktur).

The title of the profile is in English: Master of Science in Economics (with profile in Macroeconomics: Growth and Fluctuations).

2. Entry requirements to the profile and entrance through supplementary courses

Direct entrance:

In accordance with the curriculum, section 3, the following bachelor's degrees provide admission to the profile:

- Bachelor's degree in Economics.
- Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration (HA).
- Bachelor's degree in Mathematics-Economics.

Applicants who do not meet the entry requirements of the profile may be admitted, if they have academic qualifications at a commensurate level. The university may require supplementary tests.



3. Description of the profile focus

In accordance with the curriculum, section 1.1 the student who completes the profile will obtain the same competency through academic and practical focus as described below:

Academic focus

The purpose of this profile is to enable students to ask and answer questions that are characteristic of applications and policy analysis in the area of macroeconomics, which is taken to include economic growth, business cycle fluctuations, and international economic issues such as trade and capital movements. The student will obtain knowledge of theories and historical cases related to the above issues, and will be able to apply these theories and this historical knowledge to answer specific questions related to trends and events in the global economy.

Practical focus

The profile is targeted students who see the global arena as their future employment field. Students will be qualified for jobs in both the private and the public sector, but mainly in globally oriented private firms (including banks) and international organisations.

4. Other regulations

4.1 Language

The programme is offered in English.

4.2 Project-oriented studies and studying abroad

Project-oriented studies and studying abroad is recommended to take place in the 3rd semester of the programme.

4.3 Semester structure

As a general rule, each semester is of 15 weeks' duration: The autumn semester 1/9-21/12 (incl.) and the spring semester 1/2-31/5 (incl.). Some autumn courses may, however, be planned as 11 week courses. If so, this will be stated in both the course description and the time table.



5. Structure of the profile

5.1 Course titles, ECTS, weight and assessment

Course Titles	ECTS	Weight	Assessment			
Constituent compulsory courses:						
Economic Growth	10	1.0	External, 7-point scale			
Macroeconomics and History	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Microeconometrics	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
International Trade Theory and Policy or	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Advanced International Macroeconomics and						
Trade						
Master's thesis	30	3.0	External, 7-point scale			
Constituent elective courses (total of 30 ECTS) chosen among the following:						
Advanced Statistics	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Asset Pricing	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Derivatives and Risk Management	10	1.0	External, 7-point scale			
Housing and Urban Economics	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Industrial Economics	10	1.0	External, 7-point scale			
Long-Run Determinants of Economic Outcomes	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Time Series Econometrics with Applications in Finance and Macro	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Topics in International Trade and Macroeconomics	10	1.0	Internal, 7-point scale			
Elective subjects (20 ECTS):						
Elective courses chosen among the graduate courses offered by the Faculty of Business and Social Science	20	*	Depends on the chosen course			

* 10 ECTS weight 1.0.



5.2 Diagram of the profile

60 ECTS points correspond to one year of full-time study. The standard study plan of the master's programme could be as follows:

4. semester	Master's thesis 30 ECTS			
3. semester	Elective course	Elective course	Elective course	
	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	
2. semester	Compulsory course	Elective course	Elective course	
	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	
1. semester	Compulsory course	Compulsory course	Compulsory course	
	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	10 ECTS	

5.3 Description of the elective subjects

30 ECTS is chosen among the constituent elective courses listed in section 5.1.

20 ECTS is chosen among all graduate courses offered by the Faculty of Business and Social Science.

If an alternative elective course is requested, it is necessary to have a written acceptance from the person responsible for the profile and the academic study board.

6. Specially profile transitional rules

Students enrolled September 2012 or February 2013 in either cand.oecon. Economic Development or cand.oecon. International Economics can be transferred to this profile.