



**STUDY CENTER
GERZENSEE**

**SWISS PROGRAM FOR BEGINNING
DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS
2011**

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OVERVIEW

Starting in **January 2011**, the Study Center Gerzensee offers the seventeenth Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics. The program offers training in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. The material covered corresponds to the curriculum of the core courses in a top U.S.-style PhD-program. Established in 1994, the goal of the program is to familiarize first-year doctoral students affiliated with Swiss universities with the tools to conduct frontier academic research. Teaching is in English.

The program consists of a mathematics review (optional) as well as sequences in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. In each sequence, leading international academics teach four week-long courses. Each course includes formal lectures of three hours per day as well as exercise review sessions. Course weeks start on Monday at 10:30h and end on Friday at noon (possibly with some exceptions, see below dates). Returning to their home universities in the periods between the course weeks, participants review and prepare the material covered in class, solve mandatory homework problem sets, and study for the midterm and final exams. On successful completion of the program, participants are awarded a Certificate.

The 2011 program is structured as follows:

10.01	Introduction to the program	Dirk Niepelt	Study Center
10.01.-11.01.	Course in Mathematics	Filippo Brutti, Dirk Niepelt	Study Center
24.01.-28.01.	Microeconomics (week 1)	Klaus Schmidt	University of Munich
14.02.-18.02.	Macroeconomics (week 1)	Robert G. King	Boston University
14.03.-18.03.	Econometrics (week 1)	Mark W. Watson	Princeton University
04.04.-08.04.	Microeconomics (week 2)	Piero Gottardi	European University Institute
26.04.-30.04.	Econometrics (week 2)	Bo E. Honoré	Princeton University
20.06.-24.06.	Macroeconomics (week 2)	Sergio T. Rebelo	Northwestern University
29.07.-30.07.	Midterm exams		
22.08.-26.08.	Econometrics (week 3)	Mark W. Watson	Princeton University
05.09.-09.09.	Econometrics (week 4)	Bo E. Honoré	Princeton University
26.09.-30.09.	Microeconomics (week 3)	John H. Moore	LSE and Edinburgh University
16.10.-20.10.	Macroeconomics (week 3)	Robert G. King	Boston University
31.10.-04.11.	Macroeconomics (week 4)	Jordi Galí	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
12.12.-16.12.	Microeconomics (week 4)	Jörgen Weibull	Stockholm School of Economics
30.1.- 1.2.2012	Final exams		

Information about the **contents** of the courses as well as the **faculty** can be found on the Study Center's webpage, www.szgerzensee.ch. Participants are advised to thoroughly review mathematical and statistical methods before the start of the first sequence.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION

Participants are beginning doctoral students in economics who hold an undergraduate degree and are enrolled (or about to enrol) in the doctoral program of a Swiss university.

Applicants should hold a Master's degree or be close to completion of their Master's studies. In the later case, applicants should have finished their coursework and submitted their Master's thesis by the time the Gerzensee program starts.

Preference is given to applications for the complete program.

FEE

A global fee of CHF 1'000.– is charged for the three sequences (CHF 400.– for one sequence, CHF 800.– for two sequences). This fee covers the tuition as well as room and board at the Study Center. The fee must be paid before the program introduction day.

EXAMS, PROBLEM SETS, GRADES, CERTIFICATE

Information about the program rules can be found on the Study Center's webpage, www.szgerzensee.ch.

The rules will be also distributed during the Introduction Days of the program.

APPLICATION

Candidates should fill in the enclosed application form and follow the given instructions. The selection of participants is made by the organizing committee. Candidates will be notified in November.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit www.szgerzensee.ch or contact teodora.ruiz@szgerzensee.ch or susanne.senn@szgerzensee.ch.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

A complete application includes:

- (a) the application form
- (b) a short statement of purpose (ca. two pages, in English)
- (c) a master's thesis if available (in English or a Swiss national language)
- (d) a passport photo
- (e) the most recent grade transcripts
- (f) recommendations by 1-3 professors supporting the application (including the prospective advisor(s))
- (g) recent GRE (general test) scores

Please send (a)-(d) to the representative of your institution on the organizing committee (not to the Study Center). A list of the representatives is given below. Send (e) to the representative of your institution (or request the transcripts to be sent to him/her). Regarding (f), give copies of the attached recommendation form to the Professors supporting your application. Request the completed forms to be sent in a sealed envelope to the representative of your institution. The representative of your institution will forward (a)-(f) to the Study Center.

Finally, have Educational Testing Service in Princeton send (g) to the Study Center by the application deadline. For information on the GRE including how and where to take the test, please consult www.gre.org. When taking the GRE test, request your test scores to be sent directly to the Study Center. The Study Center has been assigned the GRE Graduate Code 7381 (Study Center Gerzensee Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics). **Important:** To assure that your test scores reach the Study Center by the deadline, we strongly encourage you to take the exam **no later than a month before the deadline**.

Acceptance decisions will be based on (a)-(c), (e)-(g). Incomplete applications will be given low priority. Regarding the GRE scores, the focus will be on the quantitative and analytical parts. The passport photo (d) will be used by the Study Center to produce a pictured list of program participants.

Deadline for submission to the representative of your institution in the organizing committee: **October 1, 2010**.

Institution Representatives:

EPFL

ETH Zürich

Graduate Institute of International Studies

Swiss National Bank

Universität Basel

Universität Bern

Universität Freiburg

Université de Genève

Université de Lausanne

Université de Neuchâtel

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