



INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC THEORY

Credit points:	4 CP
Study course annotation	The course provides an insight into the historical development of economic theory and gives an idea of the economic regularities of the economic subject (firm, individual), which are formed by the interaction of supply and demand of goods. The course helps students to orient themselves in the economic processes in contemporary Latvia, Europe and the world.
Aim of the study course	To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of the economy at both micro and macro levels.
Tasks of the study course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to introduce the history of economic theory; - to give an idea of how the economy works at the level of economic units; - to clarify the basic principles of the economy and its forms of organisation; - to understand the short- and long-term environmental impact of business; - to develop an understanding of the objectives and instruments of public economic policy; - to learn how to assess real macroeconomic policies and their consequences.
Study results	<p>Knowledge</p> <p>By successfully completing this course of study, students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the theoretical framework of economic theory and basic concepts, - demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts and patterns of economic functioning and regulation, and be able to describe contemporary trends in economic development in the EU and Latvia, - be able to find data and information related to economic theory; - be able to work with different sources of information on social entrepreneurship.
	<p>Abilities</p> <p>By successfully completing this course of study, students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify economic and social problems of a country at micro and macro level. - Assess and identify the relevance of the economic environment to client needs. - Adhere to professional and general ethical principles. - Prioritise the work to be carried out, work in a team and plan, organise and manage its work, as well as carry out work individually.
	<p>Competences</p> <p>By successfully completing this course of study, students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to identify, define, analyse and solve economic problems in a country. - Be able to analyse the formation, development and interrelationships of economic and global social problems. - Be able to participate in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of national social policies. - Ability to carry out research activities.
Study course plan:	
No.	Topics
1.	The subject and method of economic theory. Societal needs and resources.
2.	Market theory. Competition and monopoly.
3.	Fundamentals of the theory of supply and demand.
4.	Production and costs. Price and optimal output.



5.	Market for factors of production (resources).
6.	National economy: development goals and national production. Economic growth and the cyclicity of economic development.
7.	Macroeconomic instability: inflation and unemployment
8.	Aggregate demand and aggregate supply. The classical model of macroeconomic equilibrium.
9.	Consumption, savings, investment. The role of the state in a market economy.
10.	State budget and taxation. Public fiscal policy.
11.	Modern money and credit system. National monetary policy.
12.	National social policy.
Form of final examination:	
	Exam
Mandatory literature of the study course:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Žanna Caurkubule. Ekonomikas un uzņēmējdarbības pamati. Lekciju kurss-konspēkts un kontroluzdevumi klātienēs, neklātienēs un distanta apmācībai -Rīga, 2007.2. V. Bikse. Ekonomikas teorijas pamatprincipi: Mācību līdzeklis.- Rīga: Izglītības soļi., 2014.- 454. lpp.3. Farnham, Paul G. Economics for Managers / Paul G. Farnham. - Prentice Hall, 2005. – 558p.	
Study course supplementary literature:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Abizāre V. Ievads uzņēmējdarbībā: mācību līdzeklis. - Rīga: RAKA, 2004. - 140 lpp.2. V. Bikse. Ekonomikas teorijas pamati. Mācību līdzeklis.- Rīga: b/izd., 2000. 1.dala.- 186. lpp.3. Roberts Škapars. Uzdevumi un testi mikroekonomikā. 1. un 2. daļa.- Rīga, 2002.4. Viktors Nešpors. Ievads ekonomikā . - Rīga : Kamene, 2002. - 193 lpp.5. Kumerdanka, A. Biznesa ekonomiskie pamati. – Rīga: Biznesa augstskola Turība, 2007.6. Gerbers M.E.Uzņēmējdarbības meistarība. Ko zina ikviens veiksmīgs uzņēmējs.- Rīga: Zoldnera izdevniecība, 2014. - 219 lpp.7. Parkin M., King D. Economics. – England: Addison.- Wesley, 1995.8. Krugman, Paul. Economics. European Edition / Paul Krugman, Robin Wells, Kathryn Graddy. - Worth Publishers, 2008. – 907p.9. Miller, Roger LeRoy.Economics Today / Roger LeRoy Miller. - 14th ed. - Pearson Education, Inc., 2008. – 886p.10. Benassy-Quere, Agnes. Economic policy.Theory and practice. Second edition / Agnes Benassy-Quere. - Oxford university press, 2019. - 680 p.	
Periodicals and other sources of information:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Latvijas makroekonomiskie rādītāji. Macroeconomic indicators of Latvia / LR centrālā statistikas pārvalde.- Rīga, 2016.2. Ziņojums par Latvijas tautsaimniecības attīstību / LR Ekonomikas ministrija.- Rīga, 2016.3. Latvijas Banka: 2015. gada pārskats.- Rīga, 2016.4. Latvijas statistikas gadagrāmata 2011 g. – Rīga, 2015.5. www.csb.gov.lv6. http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat	
During the study process changes and additions to the program and the list of references are possible	