



School of Economics and Management

EAETU, Master's Programme (Two years) in Economic Growth, Population and Development, 120 credits

Masterprogram i ekonomisk tillväxt, befolkningsstudier och utveckling, 120 högskolepoäng

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by Vice Dean of Education at the School of Economics and Management 19-02-2021 (U2021/130) and most recently amended 16-05-2022 (U 2022/347). The amended syllabus is valid from 28-08-2023, autumn semester 2023.

Specialisations

EKDE	Economic Demography	Ekonomisk demografi	120 credits
EKUT	Economic Development	Ekonomisk utveckling	120 credits
EKHI	Economic History	Ekonomisk historia	120 credits

Programme description

This programme aims to explore the general history of production and distribution, population and living standards, institutions and social organisation. The programme offers knowledge to carry out investigations and analyses concerning changes of social and economic conditions under different circumstances.

The full master programme comprises two years of full-time study, but there will be a provision to leave after one year with a Master of Science (60 credits). The first and second years combines core courses with a wide selection of elective courses, culminating in a period of independent thesis writing. The first term of each year is

typically divided into four courses of 7.5 credits each, while the second term consists of two courses of 7.5 credits and one thesis comprising 15 credits. The courses in the first term of each year run parallel with each other, with two courses during the first half of the term, and two during the second half. During the second term of each year the courses will run parallel during the first half, while the second half of the term is devoted to thesis work.

The programme of study is organized into three specialisations. Depending on ambitions and interests, participants choose to specialise in:

1. Economic history
2. Economic demography
3. Economic development

Applicants are to decide on which specialisation they are applying for when applying for the programme.

Specialisation 1: Economic history

In the specialisation Economic history you will develop advanced insights into the long-term development of societies. By combining analytical tools from economics and the social sciences with a contextual understanding of conditions in the past, you will become able to use the accumulated human experience to solve current-day problems. Central themes studied are growth, stagnation, crises and distribution of resources. The specialisation combines broad scholarly education with hands on exercises in research methods. As a student you will improve your skills to review previous research and scholarly debates, formulate and frame research problems, apply quantitative and qualitative methods, handle databases, integrate and communicate your knowledge in writing and orally. The specialisation makes you equipped for research and analytical work in private businesses, government organizations, publishing and academia.

The core courses of the first year cover the global economy, econometrics, population and living standards, research design and comparative approaches. The second year features core courses in econometrics and institutional change, as well as opportunities for specialized advanced tutorials on key themes in economic history. Both years include a wide range of elective courses in topics such as human capital and education, economic growth, innovations, energy systems, demographic change, emerging economies and time series analysis.

Lund University is internationally renowned for its research in economic history and hosts one of the largest independent Economic History departments in the world. As a student, you take full advantage of this thriving environment, and benefit from the diversity of field-leading experts. Researchers are active in the course design and teaching, ensuring high quality course content with a focus on pushing forward the research frontier.

Specialisation 2: Economic demography

The specialisation is a joint undertaking between the departments of Economic history, Economics and Statistics at the Lund School of Economics and Management (LUSEM), with all course work being placed at LUSEM. The specialisation is divided into three component parts – a part of mandatory program-specific courses in

economic demography, an elective part of department-specific courses related to economic demography, and, during the second year, an elective part making it possible for field work and data gathering, for studies within our exchange programmes abroad or for further courses within this or other master programmes in Lund. The department-specific courses provide the methodological skills necessary for demographers within a discipline-specific framework.

The course structure of the specialisation is described below, where the first year gives broad knowledge of the socioeconomic aspects of demography and the tools needed to understand and study these processes, while the second year provides more detailed knowledge necessary for a career as a demographer. Within the specialisation students are able to specialise on economics, economic history, or statistics. After completing the master programme, it is possible to apply for the PhD programmes in the three disciplines depending on specialisation.

Specialisation 3: Economic development

How to measure, explain and promote economic development outside the industrialized North has been vividly debated in both scholarly and policy circles for well over half a century, resulting in different approaches to development strategies and policies. Economic development essentially rests on three pillars: income per capita growth, distribution of the fruits of growth and structural change. The interaction of these elements constitutes the process of development. The Economic development specialisation will engage students in a variety of aspects and analyses of how and why the process of development in some places gets underway and in other places tend to stall. The programme will cover debates and theories on the reasons for economic backwardness and successful catching up; the institutional underpinnings of long term growth; qualitative and quantitative techniques in managing and modelling empirical material.

The specialisation will provide students with knowledge necessary to assess and understand development pathways and dynamics of economic change. Students are trained in analytical skills and independent work specialising in global development with a focus on the developing world in a historical and comparative perspective.

The first year provides predominately key mandatory coursework on the emerging economies, econometrics, Asia- Pacific, institutional analysis and research design coupled with the opportunity to further explore topics of the student's choice from a broad selection of courses. The second year provides a greater element of freedom in the selection of courses, including an optional 15 credit internship. The mandatory coursework during the second year is made up of taking at least two out of large number of tailor made tutorials within the realm of economic development.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this programme are particularly equipped for analytical work in private business as well as government organisations and publishing that requires capability of intellectual judgement, evaluation and analysis of economic facts and ideas, and good communication skills.

Connection to further studies

Successful completion of the programme will enable students to apply to doctoral

programmes in economic history.

Goals

The programme builds on previous studies at the undergraduate level in social sciences. The learning outcomes are divided by specialisation and degree below.

Mission driven learning outcomes

Graduates of the programme will be trained as reflective practitioners in taking an active part in developing a sustainable society building on innovative thinking.

Specialisation 1: Economic history

Master of Science (120 credits)

Knowledge and understanding

For a Master of Science (120 credits) students must:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the field of economic history, including both broad knowledge in the field and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with substantially deeper insight into current research and development work
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in the field of economic history
- demonstrate knowledge about the methodology of historical analysis by qualitative as well as quantitative means
- demonstrate knowledge about the general history of production and distribution, population and living standards, institutions and social organizations
- demonstrate knowledge about factors that have influenced social and economic change

Competence and skills

For a Master of Science (120 credits) students must:

- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts
- demonstrate the skills required to participate in research and development work or to work independently in other advanced contexts
- demonstrate an ability to work individually as well as in groups with students from different cultures in order to solve practical problems as well as to manage a more extensive project

Judgement and approach

For a Master of Science (120 credits) students must:

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the field of economic history, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibility for how it is used
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge

Independent project (degree project)

For a Master of Science (120 credits) students must have completed an independent project (degree project) worth at least 30 credits in the field of economic history, within the framework of the course requirements.

Master of Science (60 credits)

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- a more extensive project
- demonstrate an ability to evaluate, and critically analyse theoretical and empirical literature within the context of economic demography
- be able to independently apply relevant theoretical and empirical models on demographic issues within her/his own discipline-specific framework

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Course information

The programme is organized into three specialisations and applicants must specify which specialisation they are applying for when applying for the programme. The specialisations partly share courses. The programme of study on all specialisations is divided into two semesters, which are further divided into four study periods. Period 1 extends from late August to late October, period 2 from late October to mid-January, period 3 from mid-January to late March, and Period 4 from late March to early June.

For a schematic view of the different specialisations' courses, see the attached

programme structure.

Specialisation 1: Economic history

Specialisation-specific courses (mandatory)

The global economy and long-term economic growth (7.5 credits)

This course studies historical processes of growth, convergence and divergence in the global economy over the past millennium. Two different approaches are applied. One considers theories of economic growth, about how production is generated by capital and labour and the level of technology. The other takes the perspective of the international economy and studies international trade, migration, and movements of capital.

Research design (7.5 credits)

The course presents the student with research methods used within the social sciences in general, and within economic history specifically. The course will carefully deal with the importance of source criticism to any well-planned research. It will then, through a detailed examination of various quantitative and qualitative methods, discuss the validity of these methods to various research questions and data. The overarching goal of the course is to provide students with the tools necessary to prepare a well-structured research assignment.

Population and living standards (7.5 credits)

This course deals with the interplay between population and living standards in a long-term perspective. It focuses on three broader themes. In the first, different models of the pre-industrial economic demographic system are studied, and the legacy of these models (e.g. Malthusianism) and their relevance today is assessed. Different demographic indicators of living standards, such as life expectancy, infant mortality and demographic responses to economic fluctuations, are discussed and compared with other well-being indicators in an assessment of the long-term global development of standard of living. The second theme deals with the importance of population dynamics, especially fluctuations in fertility, and thus cohort size, on living standards in industrial society. The third theme focuses on the role of families and households in providing welfare and security of its members. Both the development over time and global comparisons are central in this theme.

Advanced analysis of economic change (7.5 credits)

This course analyses the major debates in development economics from a long-term perspective. Questions central to the course are: 'can we determine historical roots of why some countries are rich and others poor, and if so, how do we approach this?'; 'what is the role of the different factors of production in long run economic development?'; and 'what role do critical historical junctures play in long run development?'

During the course, students will learn about the different methods used in modern research through an in depth study of the literature and hands on econometric

exercises. Explorative methodologies versus hypothesis testing are discussed. Exercises are performed with the help of econometric software whereby students are trained in the use of statistical tools but also in understanding and interpreting quantitative results in an historical context.

Econometrics I (7.5 credits)

This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of the theoretical and methodological problems associated with quantitative approaches to economic history. The first part consists of basic theory and methods relating to multivariate linear regression, limited dependent variable regression and time series analysis. It also considers how to apply these methods through examples of how such methods are used in economic history. This part also introduces computer software (e.g. Stata) for quantitative analysis. In the second part of the course, students analyse a quantitative problem using actual data from economic history, and report results in individual papers.

Econometrics II (7.5 credits)

This course provides the student with more advanced theory and methods relating to causal approaches surpassing the multivariate linear regression, limited dependent variable regression and time series analysis covered by Econometrics I. It also considers how to apply these methods through examples of how such methods are used in economic history. It discusses issues like selection bias, the bad control problem, and unobserved heterogeneity and the pitfalls associated with them as well as the possibilities to deal with these issues. This part advances the knowledge of empirical analysis making use of computer software (e.g. Stata). In the second part of the course, students independently analyse a more advanced quantitative problem using actual data from economic history, and report results in individual papers, showing awareness of the pros and cons of various causal approaches in econometrics.

The course is mandatory year 1 for students who have previously studied econometrics at a level corresponding to Econometrics I.

Institutions, economic growth and equity (7.5 credits)

This course studies the relations between institutions, modern economic growth, and equality. Problems in the world of today are taken as a point of departure for an historical analysis that covers countries and regions in different parts of the world. Four themes are focussed. One is about the emergence of institutions such as property rights and markets, and their role for economic growth. The second is about the importance of the distribution of resources for institutional development. The third is about the importance of the growth of knowledge and education for the creation of equality of opportunity. The fourth is about the emergence of the modern welfare state as well as current challenges to its future.

Tutorials: Advanced topics in economic history

During the second year, the department offer a selection of courses on a tutorial basis or in seminar form. They all discuss research related problems within their respective fields and involve students in the seminar discussions, based on readings from

international research. It is mandatory to take two of these courses during the second year. The specific courses offered may vary from year to year.

Independent project (degree project)

The independent project comprises 30 credits and is divided into two thesis courses of 15 credits each – the first on the second semester and the second on the fourth semester.

The student has to define a research issue, carry out research and write the thesis independently, although with support from a supervisor. At an early stage a supervisor will be allotted to the student on the basis of her/his area of interest. Well before the actual period of the thesis work a series of preparatory seminars will be held, where the students present ideas and plans for the research. It is the task of the supervisor to support the development from idea to plan, and thereafter to stimulate and criticize the student's work.

Besides the completion of her/his own thesis, the student is also expected to act as a discussant on another student's thesis at the final seminar.

Specialisation 2: Economic demography

Specialisation-specific courses (mandatory)

Causes of demographic change (7.5 credits)

The course gives an introduction to demographic data, measurement and description of demographic phenomena. The course consists of two parts:

Demographic methods. Basic demographic measures and concepts are discussed, such as rates, the lexis diagram, life tables, fertility, nuptiality, mortality and migration measures.

Theories and evidence on global demographic change in an historical perspective. The long-term demographic development in the world is discussed and related to different theoretical explanations.

Econometrics I (7.5 credits)

This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of the theoretical and methodological problems associated with quantitative approaches to economic history. The first part consists of basic theory and methods relating to multivariate linear regression, limited dependent variable regression and time series analysis. It also considers how to apply these methods through examples of how such methods are used in economic history. This part also introduces computer software (e.g. Stata) for quantitative analysis. In the second part of the course, students analyse a quantitative problem using actual data from economic history, and report results in individual papers.

Econometrics II (7.5 credits)

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variable regression and time series analysis covered by Econometrics I. It also considers how to apply these methods through examples of how such methods are used in economic history. It discusses issues like selection bias, the bad control problem, and unobserved heterogeneity and the pitfalls associated with them as well as the possibilities to deal with these issues. This part advances the knowledge of empirical analysis making use of computer software (e.g. Stata). In the second part of the course, students independently analyse a more advanced quantitative problem using actual data from economic history, and report results in individual papers, showing awareness of the pros and cons of various causal approaches in econometrics.

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Research design (7.5 credits)

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Consequences of demographic change (7.5 credits)

The course examines the impact of demographic change on the social and economic fabric of society, with a focus on issues of importance to today's policymakers. The impact of population aging will be examined in detail, as will the possible benefits / pitfalls of migration as a potential solution to population aging. The course will also examine the impacts of demographic change on individuals, through a discussion of the effects of cohort size on economic outcomes. The changing prospects for women in today's economy will also be analyzed within the framework of changing family structures. Governmental transfers dependent upon age structure, such as pension systems, will be studied, as will other aspects of intergenerational transfers.

Tutorials: Advanced topics in economic demography

Several different courses are offered on a rotating basis. They are offered on a tutorial basis or in seminar form. They all discuss research related problems within their respective fields and involve students in seminar discussions, based on readings from international research. It is mandatory to take two of these courses during the second year.

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Specialisation 3: Economic development

Specialisation-specific courses (mandatory)

Development of emerging economies (7.5 credits)

This course examines growth dynamics of the developing world during the last decades, explored in a comparative and historical perspective. The question of why some developing economies have been able to set in motion catching-up processes, while others remain stagnant, will be discussed aided by historical-theoretical perspectives with the main focus on countries in Pacific Asia, Africa South of the Sahara and Latin America. It will be theoretically and empirically assessed to what extent the growth of the so-called global South might be sustained.

The course is divided into two parts. The first puts heavy emphasis on readings and lectures on analytical perspectives of development and catching up from the viewpoint of classical, although current, questions such as: the role of agricultural transformation, growth-inequality, market integration, possibilities for and experiences of industrial policy, technology transfer, social capabilities, market-state relationship, governance and domestic resource mobilization, poverty/human development. The second part of the course is more student-driven and is devoted to seminar assignments where highly topical themes are discussed on the basis of available empirical data. Examples of questions to be addressed might be: south-to-south investments flows, the impact of China, the extent to which growth is commodity-driven, issues of improving competitiveness and productivity, forces behind poverty reduction.

Research design (7.5 credits)

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China and the Asia Pacific economy (7.5 credits)

This course explores and explains the processes of rapid industrialisation and socio-economic modernisation in China and the Asia Pacific drawing on a historically - comparative institutional approach. Fundamental factors and forces behind the economic transformation are analysed against the background of leading theories of

economic development and social change. The course is divided into two parts. The first part uses institutional theory to analyse the emergence of the so called East Asian model and its relevance for China. The institutional underpinnings of China's transformation to market economy are analysed in comparison with previous and contemporary development experiences in the Asia Pacific, from Japan to the ASEAN countries. Themes dealt with include agricultural modernisation and industrial policy and concepts such as developmental state, export-led growth, and growth with equity are applied and critically analysed. The second part deals with current trends and forces of globalisation in the Asia Pacific region and China's role as a leading regional economy. Trade policies, the impact of foreign investments and patterns of regional integration are explored and analysed.

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Independent project (degree project)

The independent project comprises 30 credits and is divided into two thesis courses of 15 credits each – the first on the second semester and the second on the fourth semester.

The student has to define a research issue, carry out research and write the thesis independently, although with support from a supervisor. At an early stage a supervisor will be allotted to the student on the basis of her/his area of interest. Well before the actual period of the thesis work a series of preparatory seminars will be held, where the students present ideas and plans for the research. It is the task of the supervisor to support the development from idea to plan, and thereafter to stimulate and criticize the student's work.

Besides the completion of her/his own thesis, the student is also expected to act as a discussant on another student's thesis at the final seminar.

Additional information in appendix EAETU Programme structure.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

- Major: Economic Demography
- Major: Economic Development
- Major: Economic History

Filosofie magisterexamen

- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk demografi*
- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk historia*
- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk utveckling*

Degree of Master of Science (120 credits)

- Major: Economic Demography
- Major: Economic Development
- Major: Economic History

Filosofie masterexamen

- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk demografi*
- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk historia*
- Huvudområde: Ekonomisk utveckling*

Upon completion of the programme a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) will be awarded in compliance with the National Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006:1053). Students may also decide to finish after the first year with a Master of

Science (60 credits).

Degree requirements

Master of Science (120 credits)

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic History* consists of 120 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure (see appendix) which includes the courses *EKHS11 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits) and *EKHS12 Economic History: Master Course (Two Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic Demography* consists of 120 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure (see appendix) which includes the courses *EKHS01 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits) and *EKHS02 Economic History: Master Course (Two Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic Development* consists of 120 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure (see appendix) which includes the courses *EKHS21 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits) and *EKHS22 Economic History: Master Course (Two Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

Master of Science (60 credits)

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic History* consists of 60 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure during semester 1-2 (see appendix) which includes the course *EKHS11 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic Demography* consists of 60 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure during semester 1-2 (see appendix) which includes the course *EKHS01 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in Economic Development* consists of 60 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure during semester 1-2 (see appendix) which includes the course *EKHS21 Economic History: Master Course (One Year) – Independent Research* (15 credits).

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

An undergraduate degree (BA/BSc) with at least 60 credits in economics, economic history, history, statistics or the equivalent. English 6.

Selection method

Based on previous university/college studies and Statement of Purpose.

Other information

Programme management

The programme directors, who are appointed by the Board of LUSEM, are responsible for the quality development and quality assurance of the programme. The Board of the School also assigns each programme to a host department at LUSEM. The host department is responsible for providing professional services to the students and faculty of the programme.

Each programme also organizes a programme management group, in which student representatives and faculty representatives of the programme, together with the programme directors, coordinator and other professional services meet regularly.

All programmes at LUSEM are evaluated yearly and the outcome of a programme scorecard is presented to the Board of the School as part of LUSEM's Quality Development and Assurance system.

Grading scale

At the School of Economics and Management grades are awarded in accordance with a criterion-based grading scale A-U(F):

A (Excellent) 85-100 points/percent. A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) 75-84 points/percent. A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) 65-74 points/percent. The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) 55-64 points/percent. The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) 50-54 points/percent. The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U/F (Fail) 0-49 points/percent. The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

To pass the course, the students must have been awarded the grade of E or higher.

It is up to the teaching professor to decide whether the credits of a course should be converted into a total of 100 points for each course, or if the scale above should be used as percentage points of any chosen scale instead.

Academic integrity

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Programme structure for Master's Programme in Economic Growth, Population and Development, specialisation in Economic History

The programme of 120 credits has the following structure:

Semester 1, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 2, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHM64 The global economy and long-term economic growth (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>and one of the following mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>EKHM65 Econometrics I (7.5 cr) <i>or</i></p> <p>EKHM66 Econometrics II (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>Two mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>EKHM73 Research design (7.5 cr)</p> <p>EKHM72 Population and living standards (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory and one elective course:</i></p> <p>EKHM87 Advanced analysis of economic change (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS11 Degree project (15 cr)</p>
Semester 3, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 4, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>EKHM84 Institutions, economic growth and equity (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS12 Degree project (15 cr)</p>

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1 credit (cr) = 1 ECTS credit

Programme structure for Master's Programme in Economic Growth, Population and Development, specialisation in Economic Demography

The programme of 120 credits has the following structure:

Semester 1, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 2, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHM67 Causes of demographic change (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>and one of the following mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>EKHM65 Econometrics I (7.5 cr) <i>or</i></p> <p>EKHM66 Econometrics II (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory and one elective course:</i></p> <p>EKHM73 Research design (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory and one elective course:</i></p> <p>EKHM81 Consequences of demographic change (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS01 Degree project (15 cr)</p>
Semester 3, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 4, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS02 Degree project (15 cr)</p>

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1 credit (cr) = 1 ECTS credit

Programme structure for Master's Programme in Economic Growth, Population and Development, specialisation in Economic Development

The programme of 120 credits has the following structure:

Semester 1, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 2, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHM61 Development of emerging economies (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>and one of the following mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>EKHM65 Econometrics I (7.5 cr) <i>or</i></p> <p>EKHM66 Econometrics II (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>Two mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>EKHM73 Research design (7.5 cr)</p> <p>EKHM70 China and the Asia Pacific Economy (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory and one elective course:</i></p> <p>EKHM84 Institutions, economic growth and equity (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS21 Degree project (15 cr)</p>
Semester 3, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 4, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1, Sep-Oct	Period 2, Nov-Dec	Period 3, Jan-Mar	Period 4, Apr-Jun
<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One elective course and one tutorial:</i></p> <p>Elective course (7.5 cr)</p> <p>Tutorial (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>EKHS22 Degree project (15 cr)</p>

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