

Dear International Economics student,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the programme and provide you with some initial information regarding the programme and your first two courses. I am very happy that you choose this programme and I can assure you that I, together with my colleagues, will do our best to give you a great education and experience here at JIBS. For more information about what the teaching will be like due to Covid-19 check our [webpage](#) where new info is regularly posted.

The programme you are enrolled in aims to develop your ability to understand and analyse different types of socio-economic problems and the dynamics of an international and global economy. You will learn to use economic theory to analyse and evaluate economic problems and understand its underlying factors. The ability to analyse problems in a systematic manner is fundamental to modern economics and permeates the entire programme.

The main subject of the programme is economics and you will take 90 credits within this topic. The programme also gives you a good knowledge of statistics and econometrics, as you will read 30 credits in these subjects during your second and third year. These courses provide you the skills and tools needed to process and analyse data, e.g. for your bachelor thesis in your last semester. These skills are also increasingly in demand when you embark upon your career after the graduation. The programme also includes 30 credits in business administration addressing various aspects such as, leadership, entrepreneurship, accounting and finance to provide insight into the business side.

The programme starts on Monday the 23rd of August with a formal roll call at JIBS. Then, these two courses are the first ones you will take.

Introduction to Economic Thought

This course introduces you to origins of economic theories and their development, as well as their connection with other fields such as political science and philosophy. It will also increase your understanding of how economic thoughts have helped developing the society and the role of institutions.

The course will include the ideas and theories of classical economists – such as Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, and Joseph Schumpeter – as well as the contributions of Nobel Memorial Prize laureates in Economics.

The literature used in the course is the following book:

Roncaglia, A. (2017). *A Brief History of Economic Thought*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781316798416.

The examiner and teacher of this course is Assistant Professor Marcel Garz (marcel.garz@ju.se)

More information about the course and the course syllabus can be found [here](#). The schedule for your programme can be found [here](#) by choosing the International Economics option with the ending H21, as your class is starting in autumn 2021.

In parallel to this course you also take your first course in business administration.

Entrepreneurship:

Entrepreneurship is an introductory course in Business Administration. The course content focuses on entrepreneurship actor(s) and their endeavour in the process of starting and running a venture. More specifically, Entrepreneurship centres around four different and equally important areas: (1) Entrepreneurial mindset, (2) Entrepreneurial opportunity, (3) Entrepreneurial action, and (4) Entrepreneurship in Context.

The learning is primarily based on self-study of the literature and individual and team preparation of seminar and project work. The learning process is supported by lectures and seminars, where both theory and practice are connected. The team projects are particularly important for the application of theory and learning experience in the course.

The literature used in the course consists of one book as well as articles that will be listed and available online when the course starts:

Barringer, Bruce & Ireland, Duane (2018). *Entrepreneurship: Successfully Launching New Ventures*, Global Edition. Pearson Education. 6th edition ISBN:9781292255330

The examiner and main teacher of this course is Assistant Professor Magdalena Markowska (Magdalena.markowska@ju.se).

More information about the course and the course syllabus can be found [here](#) and the schedule for your programme is given above.

I – Tina Wallin – as programme director is responsible for the overall coordination of all programme courses, ensuring high programme quality and also functions as a speaking partner for you as a student, and the faculty. You are more than welcome to get in touch with me with questions regarding the programme at any time. Questions regarding the individual courses are better sent directly to the course examiners though.



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We look forward to seeing you in August!

Tina and the teaching team of International Economics