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PROGRAM SCHEDULE 26-27

FIRST YEAR COURSES

Introductory courses:

7-23 September 2026

	Monday September 7	**Tuesday September 8**	**Wednesday September 9**	**Thursday September 10**	**Friday September 11**
10:00-13:00	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Public Holiday
14:00-17:00	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	

	Monday September 14	**Tuesday September 15**	**Wednesday September 16**	**Thursday September 17**	**Friday September 18**
10:00-13:00	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Economics Room 1030	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (2nd part)* Room 1029
14:00-17:00	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (1st part) Room 1029	

*This lecture is from 10:00 to 14:00

	Monday September 21	**Tuesday September 22**	**Wednesday September 23**	**Thursday September 24**	**Friday September 25**
10:00-14:00				Public Holiday	Day off
15:00-19:00	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (2nd part) Room 1034	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (2nd part) Room 1034	Introduction to Maths and Statistics (2nd part) Room 1034		

Exams:

- Introduction to Economics: September 28, 15:00-17:00, room TBC
- Introduction to Maths: September 29, 15:00-17:00, room TBC
- Introduction to Statistics: October 7, 15:00-17:00, room TBC

23rd September: Welcome session

1st October: Social Activity

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1st term: 28 September - 4 December 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-12:00	Introduction to Economic History Room 1031	Data Science I Room 1031	Microeconomics Room 1031	Data Science I Room 1031	Research Design Room 1031
12:00-14:00	Microeconomics Room 1031	Comparative Politics: Political Behaviour Room 1031	Comparative Politics: Political Behaviour Room 1031	Introduction to Economic History Room 1031	

Examination period: 9 December - 18 December 2026

- Microeconomics: December 15
- Comparative Politics: December 18
- Data Science: December 11

Retake exams: January 11-15, 2027

- Microeconomics: January 15
- Comparative Politics: January 14
- Data Science: January 11

2nd term: 11 January – 19 March 2027

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-12:00	Comparative Politics Institutions Room 1031	Introduction to Political Economy Room 1029	Research Design Room 1031	Comparative Politics: Institutions Room 1031	Introduction to Political Economy Room 1029
12:00-14:00	Data Science II: Causal Inference Room 1031	Data Science II: Causa Inference Room 1031		Institutions, State Capacity and Growth Room 1031	Institutions, State Capacity and Growth Room 1031

Examination period: 31 March – 9 April 2027

- Data Science II: Fundamentals: April 1
- Introduction to Political Economy: April 7, 12:00
- Institutions, State Capacity and Growth: April 5 (submit essay) & April 8 (oral presentation)
- Comparative Politics: Institutions: March 16

Retake exams: April 26-30, 2027

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3rd term: 12 April - 18 June 2027

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-12:00	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics Room 1031	Game Theory Room 1031	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics Room 1031		Game Theory Room 1031
12:00-14:00	Political Economy of Public Policies Room 1031		Political Economy of Public Policies Room 1031		Research Design Room 1031

Examination period: 21 June – 2 July 2027

- Game Theory: June 28
- Political Economy of Public Policies: June 30

Retake exams: July 19-23, 2027

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SECOND YEAR COURSES

4th term: 28 September - 4 December 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-12:00	Welfare Economics I: Education and Social Policies Room 1029	Welfare Economics I: Education and Social Policies Room 1029	Federalism and Decentralization Room 1036	Topics in Political Economy Room 1034	Topics in Political Economy Room 1034
12:00-14:00	Macroeconomics I Room 1030	Poverty and Inequality: Concepts, Measures and Policies Room 1036	Macroeconomics I Room 1030	Federalism and Decentralization Room 1036	Poverty and Inequality: Concepts, Measures and Policies Room 1036
15:00-17:00			The Causes of Global Inequality: Economic History of Developing Regions* Room 1031		The Causes of Global Inequality: Economic History of Developing Regions * Room 1031

* From 1/10/2026 to 11/12/2026

Examination period: 9 December - 18 December 2026

- Poverty and inequality: December 16
- Macroeconomics I: December 14, 10:00
- Welfare Economics: December 18 , 12:00
- The Causes of Global Inequality: December 18
- Fiscal Federalism: December 15, 10:00

Retake exams: January 11-15, 2027

- Poverty and inequality: January 15, 14:30
- Macroeconomics I: January 11, 14:30
- Welfare Economics: January 11
- Fiscal Federalism: January 14, 14:30
- Topics in Political Economy: January 15, 14:30

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5th term: 11 January – 19 March 2027

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
10:00-12:00	Advanced Analysis of Institutions Room 1036	Topics in Economic History Room 1035		Topics in Economic History Room 1035	
12:00-14:00	Global Political Ecology Room 1036		Advanced Research Methods** Room 1036	Advanced Analysis of Institutions Room 1036	Advanced Research Methods** Room 1036
14:00-15:00					
15:00-17:00			Advanced Research Methods** Room 1036	Global Political Ecology Room 1031	Advanced Research Methods** Room 1036

** Advanced Research Methods:

- 13/15 January: Wednesday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00; Friday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00
- 27/29 January: Wednesday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00; Friday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00
- 10/12 February: Wednesday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00; Friday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00
- 24/26 February: Wednesday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00; Friday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00
- 10/12 March: Wednesday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00; Friday 12:00-14:00 & 15:00-17:00

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- Topics in Economic History: April 8

Retake exams: April 26-30, 2027

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6th term: Master thesis dissertation

	First round*	Second round
Submission of the initial proposal	December 9, 2026	December 9, 2026
Confirmation of topic and advisor by the academic committee	January, 2027	January, 2027
Brief (3-minutes) presentation of your research proposal	February, 2027	February, 2027
Intermediate presentation	April , 2027	Early May, 2027
First draft	May, 31 2027	Mid July, 2027
Final draft and supervisor's authorization	June 22 , 2027	September 6 , 2027
Public defence	July 1-2 , 2027	September 13 , 2027

Academic breaks

Winter break: December 24, 2026 – January 10, 2027
Spring break: March 22- March 30, 2027

Days off and public holidays

2026: September 11, 24; 25 October 12; December 8, 9
2027: April 23; May 17; June 24

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Academic calendar