



## **Master of Economics**

Lecture Title:	Dynamic Optimization II			
Lecturer:	Michael Reiter			
Lecture Code:	017 905	ECTS:	3	
Term:	Fall Term 2013	Contact hours:	20	
Lecture Dates:	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2013			
Final Exam:	December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Frequency of lecture:	once a week	
Prerequisites:	Dynamic Optimization I			
Language of instruction:	English			
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Course website	https://cecnet.tuwien.ac.at/			
Learning Objectives:	h the theory and the prac	tical implementation of		
(What are the intended learning outcomes? Which skills will be acquired?)	the computational methods that are used in economics, especially in			
	macroeconomics.			
	This includes both dynamic programming and solution techniques for			
	dynamic stochastic general equilibrium models.			
	At the end of the course, the student should be able to solve the standard			
	dynamic stochastic models numerically			
Content:	1. Solving DSGE models by linearization			
(Which professional competence and which contents will be	Lit.: Sims (2001); class handout			
imparted?)	2. Dynamic programming: some theorems			
	Lit.: Acemoglu (2009, Chapter 6); class handout			
	3. Dynamic programming: numerical implementation			
	Lit.: Judd (1998, Chapter 12); class handout			
	4. Perturbation methods			
	Lit.: Judd (1998, Chapter :	13)		
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	5. Projection methods		
	Lit.: Judd (1992); Miranda and Fackler (2002, Chapter 6)		
Teaching Approach: (Description of the learning and teaching methods)	Lecture and group work.		
Workload: (Definition of workload (ECTS), divided in pre- modules (e.g. pre- readings), core-modules (contact hours), post- modules (e.g. case studies)):			
Required literature: (scripts, books, articles, cases, papers)	Acemoglu, D. (2009). Introduction to Modern Economic Growth. Princeton University Press.		
	Judd, K. L. (1992). Projection methods for solving aggregate growth models. Journal of Economic Theory 58 (2), 410-52.		
	Judd, K. L. (1998). Numerical Methods in Economics. Cambridge and London: MIT Press.		
	Miranda, M. J. and P. L. Fackler (2002). Applied Computational Economics and Finance. MIT Press.		
	Sims, C. A. (2001). Solving linear rational expectations models. Computational Economics 20 (1-2), 1-20.		
Recommended			
literature: (books, articles, cases, papers)			
Special features: (e.g. excursion, guest speaker):			
Mode of	The grade will be based on a combination of homework and individualized		
<b>examination</b> : (Mode of examinations and tests (e.g. oral or written	programming project and a written final exam.		
examination, lecture,	Students are reminded that the use of somebody else's computer code		





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homework, papers, class participation)):	without proper referencing is considered plagiarism and can lead to expulsion from the program.
Grading:	Homework (20%)
	Programming project (30%)
	Final examination (50%)