

CURRICULUM

Semester	Activity	Credit Points
1	Frontiers Course 1	6
	Frontiers Course 2	6
2	Frontiers Course 3	6
	Exposé Presentation	2
3	Special Course (or Summer School)	4
	Personal Qualification Workshop	2
	IWH-DRS Presentation 1st Paper	2
4	Special Course (or Summer School)	4
	IWH-DRS Presentation 1st Paper	2
5	Presentation/ Discussion at the CGDE Workshop	2
6	IWH-DRS Presentation 2nd Paper	2
	Publication 1st Discussion Paper	2
7	IWH-DRS Presentation 3rd Paper	2
	Publication 2nd Discussion Paper	2
8	External Conference Presentation	2
	Publication 3rd Discussion Paper	2
	Submission of Dissertation	2

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IWH Doctoral Programme in Economics

Achievement

The IWH Doctoral Programme in Economics is a mandatory element of doctoral training at Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) – Member of the Leibniz Association. It is a structured programme with core and special courses. After completion, doctoral students are equipped with strong economic foundations and have a broad overview of various economic research areas.

Aim

The IWH Doctoral Programme in Economics (IWH-DPE) aims to provide these young researchers with a nurturing place to further develop and advance their competences and to make the most of their skills.

Being open to PhD students of the partner universities, IWH-DPE offers a platform for sharing the experience of a programme that complies with international standards in postgraduate education and training in economics.

IWH-DPE is a milestone in improving the quality of post-graduate education of young economists in the region – in accordance with recommendations by the Leibniz Association and the German Council of Science and Humanities.

Approach

This is achieved by combining an excellent course programme and research seminar series with unique chances to conduct research in teams with IWH fellows under the guidance of an IWH supervisor. IWH supervisors will be experienced in both fields, economic research and policy work.

Close collaboration with internationally renowned IWH Research Affiliates, further guidance by IWH Research Professors as well as IWH Research Fellows and research in teams (related to the IWH research agenda) also contributes to the outstanding environment at IWH.

The opportunity to do research on real-world economic and political challenges is an additional advantage. This approach allows doctoral students to finish their studies within a four-year track.

Activity

The course programme is a structured curriculum that provides doctoral students with an outstanding training in the fields related to the IWH Research Profile „From Transition to European Integration“.

The programme comprises mandatory Frontiers Courses in the core fields of economics, optional required Special Courses in selected fields and personal qualification workshops.

In the Doctoral Research Seminar (DRS) series, students have the opportunity to regularly present and advocate their research to a broader audience and to obtain advices and hints for future work. Credit points are granted for each activity. Doctoral students are encouraged and supported to present their work at research conferences as well as CGDE (Central-German Doctoral Program Economics) workshops, participate in external summer schools and to take advantage of international research visits. For external conference presentations, doctoral students do earn credit points, and summer schools may substitute for Special Courses.

Administration

IWH-DPE activities are coordinated by an IWH economist. A Doctoral Programme Advisory Board discusses and approves proposals for doctoral research projects and monitors the progress made in those projects. The board consists of the Doctoral Programme Director, the speaker of doctoral students, the scientific members of the IWH Executive Board and an external university professor. The Programme Manager attends the board's sessions as a permanent guest. An IWH senior economist serves as mediator in the case of a dissension.

The **Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) – Member of the Leibniz Association** was founded in 1992. With its three research departments – Macroeconomics, Financial Markets, and Structural Change and Productivity –, IWH conducts economic research and provides economic policy recommendations, which are founded on evidence-based research. With IWH's guiding theme „From Transition to European Integration“, the institute's research concentrates on the determinants of economic growth processes with a focus on efficient capital allocation in a national and European context. Particular areas of interest for the institute are macroeconomic dynamics and stability, microeconomic innovation processes, productivity and labour markets, the dynamics of structural adjustment processes, financial stability and growth and the role of financial markets for the real economy.