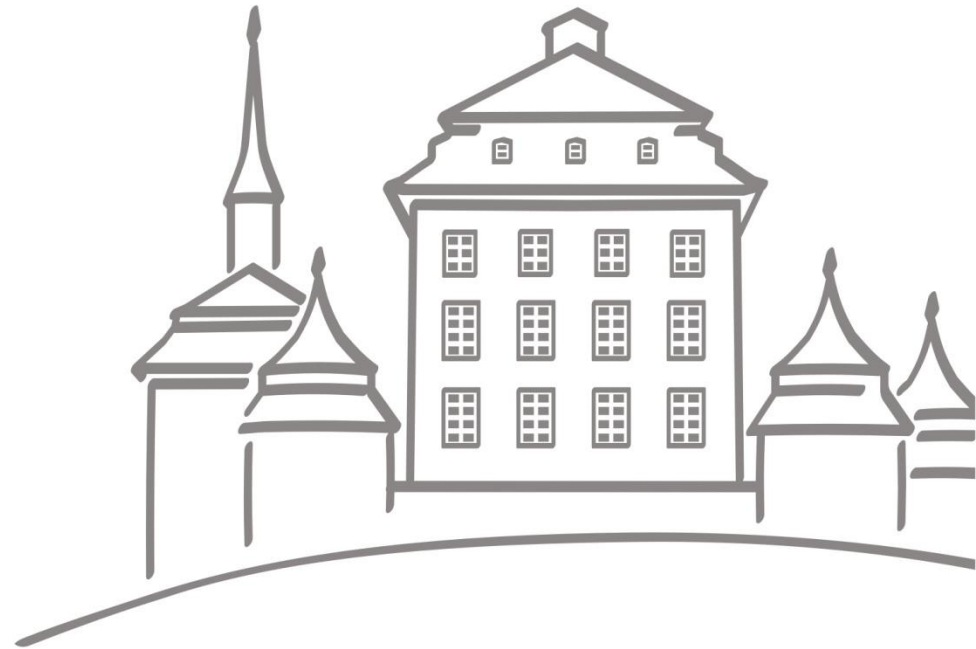




Doctoral Program

Courses in
Winter semester 2024/25
at the
Private Seeburg Castle University



Course structure in doctoral studies

The courses in the doctoral program at the Private Seeburg Castle University take place in a semi-virtual study concept: For each course, students come to Seekirchen am Wallersee on two days (Fridays and Saturdays) for face-to-face teaching plus one day for the exam (if the course includes an exam). These dates can be found on the following slides for each course. The rest of the course time takes place virtually, with materials for independent work and webinars with the lecturers.

Structure

Full-time course of study for the doctoral program



1. term

Philosophy of Science and Scientific Ethics (*Univ.-Prof. Dr. Harald Stummer*)

6 ECTS

Research Methodology II: Qualitative Methods (*Univ.-Prof. PD Dr. Thomas Schnidhofer*)

6 ECTS

3. term

Research Methodology III: Econometric Analysis of Survival and Panel Data (*Univ.-Prof. Dr. M. Spörrle*)

6 ECTS

Research Colloquium (*Univ.-Prof. Dr. Matthias Spörrle*)

6 ECTS

5. term

Research Colloquium (*Univ.-Prof. Dr. Reinhard Grohs*)

6 ECTS

Philosophy of Science & Scientific Ethics

Course Management: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Harald Stummer

Examination: written examination

Credit Points: 6 ECTS



Dates:

FR 04.10.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

SA 05.10.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

DO 28.11.2024 – 14:00 to 16:00 (written examination)

This course offers an overview of the foundations of empirical academic work in the social and economic sciences and its origins in different academic traditions.

Course goals

After successful completion of this module, students are familiar with the essential traditions and epistemological foundations of empirical research in the fields of social and economic sciences. They understand the basics of the philosophy of science and can critically question their own research projects on this basis.

Research Methodology II:

Qualitative Methods

Course Management: Univ.-Prof. PD Dr. Thomas Schneidhofer

Examination: written examination

Credit Points: 6 ECTS



Dates:

FR 29.11.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

SA 30.11.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

FR 21.02.2025 – 10:00 to 12:00 (written examination)

This first submodule of quantitative research methodology focuses on cross-sectional and causality-oriented questions in quantitative empiricism and econometrics.

Course goals

Students will be able to apply quality variables defined in the method selection process, along with the corresponding design, to determine subsequent statistical analysis procedures. They will learn to apply various analytic procedures to develop central, cross-sectional, group-based plans.

Research Methodology III

Econometric Analysis of Survival and Panel Data

Course Management: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Matthias Spörrle

Examination: written examination

Credit Points: 6 ECTS



Dates:

FR 06.12.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

SA 07.12.2024 – 09:00 to 17:00

FR 28.02.2025 – 10:00 to 12:00 (written examination)

This module is designed to expand participants' knowledge of software-based analysis of quantitative longitudinal data. The content of the module focuses on the longitudinal analysis of survival and panel data.

Course goals

Students learn how to use econometric techniques for the analysis of longitudinal data that can effectively solve the problem of unobserved heterogeneity. In addition, students acquire basic knowledge in the use of dynamic panel estimators, which they can apply not only to understand papers published by others in relevant journals, but also to perform their own model estimations.

Research Colloquium

Course Management: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Matthias Spörrle

Examination: 100% presentation

Credit Points: 6 ECTS



Dates:

FR 24.01.2025 – 09:00 to 17:00

Sa 25.01.2025 – 09:00 to 17:00

After the review of the research concept in the 2nd semester, the doctoral students complete the research colloquia where they present the progress of their work and share their current ideas and problems with the whole doctoral group as well as the Seeburg University researchers in turn to receive feedback and suggestions for further action.

Course goals

Students report on the status of their research and gain in-depth knowledge of specialist areas of science and current research fields. This enables them to participate in discussions with the scientific community at international conferences and to incorporate reflections into their own research.

Research Colloquium

Course Management: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Reinhard Grohs

Examination: 100% presentation

Credit Points: 6 ECTS

Dates:

FR 31.01.2025 – 09:00 to 17:00

Sa 01.02.2025 – 09:00 to 17:00



On the one hand, the continuous presentation of research enables the productive discussion of one's own progress, on the other hand, the research colloquium offers the opportunity for intensive networking among the doctoral students. Especially at a semivirtual university, the creation of a network is enormously important in order to enable a regular exchange even over longer distances.

Course goals

By critically examining their own and others' research, they learn to recognize the methodological strengths and weaknesses of different scientific research approaches and thus to assess the scope of their own research findings.

