

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module B.WIWI-VWL.0112: Economics of Africa		6 C 2 WLH
Learning outcome, core skills: This seminar provides a basic understanding and overview of contemporary challenges for sustainable development on the African continent by exploring recent trends of selected macroeconomic and microeconomic issues. The students analyze the considerable heterogeneity in the economies that compose the region, and will be able to identify key constraints for economic development in comparison to other world regions. The students become familiar with current research on the topic, with data sources for economic analysis, and with development experiences that are relevant for sustainable development strategies within and outside the region. Competencies: • students learn how to identify challenges for sustainable development, • students familiarize with the empirical literature in related field, • students learn to evaluate the empirical findings, • students learn to draw conclusions from the literature, • students develop economic policy conclusions.		Workload: Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 152 h
Course: B.WIWI-VWL.0112.Sem Economics of Africa (Seminar) Contents: The students work independently on a topic in economics using current literature and prepare a term paper on this topic that meets scientific standards. They present the topic in the seminar to the other participants and engage in a subsequent critical discussion. The topics covered will vary from time to time, always focusing on important issues in sustainable development in Africa. Possible topics include: • Growth and development strategies • Sustainable macroeconomic management • Poverty and inequality • Access to education • Labor markets, informality, and social outcomes • Corruption, governability, and political stability • Environmental policies • International trade and sustainable global value chains		2 WLH
Examination: Presentation (approx. 20 minutes) with term paper (max. 15 pages). B.WIWI-VWL.0112.Mp: Economics of Africa Examination prerequisites: Regular attendance		6 C
Examination requirements: Independent scientific analysis of a given topic in written form, presentation within the seminar, and participation in a discussion.		
Admission requirements:		Recommended previous knowledge: B.WIWI-VWL.0114 Macroeconomics I

B.WIWI-ECON.0008 Economics in Action (compulsory for all students in the Mono-Bachelor's programme in Economics in a version of the examination and study regulations from the winter semester 2026/27 onwards)	B.WIWI-VWL.0002 Macroeconomics II B.WIWI-VWL.0041 Development Economics
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Andreas Fuchs
Course frequency: irregular	Duration: 2 semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: once	Recommended semester: 3 - 4
Maximum number of students: 20	
Additional notes and regulations: The module may not be completed if the module B.WIWI-SDS.0011 Economics of Africa has already been successfully completed.	