MSc Economics and
MSc Finance & Econometrics
Induction 2021/22
Hello

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Term Dates 2021/22

Semester A
• Weeks 0 and 1 Pre-sessionals (Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} September)
• Week 2 – Teaching begins Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} October
• Week 7 reading week – no teaching (8\textsuperscript{th} – 12\textsuperscript{th} November)
• Week 12 – Final week of teaching (Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} December)

Semester A examination period
• 6\textsuperscript{th} January – 21\textsuperscript{st} January 2022

Semester B
• Week 1 Teaching starts (Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} January)
• Week 7 Reading week – no teaching (7\textsuperscript{th} - 11\textsuperscript{th} March)
• Week 12 Final week (Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} April)

Semester B examination period
• Examinations: 5\textsuperscript{th} May – 1\textsuperscript{st} June

Summer 2022 – Dissertation
• Deadline: 1\textsuperscript{st} September
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| **Sem A** | ECOM065 | Investments | ECOM014 Time Series Analysis | ECOM003 Econometrics A | one elective module from:  
  - ECOM001 Macroeconomics A  
  - ECOM002 Microeconomics A  
  - ECOM101 Behavioural Economics  
  - ECOM124 International Econ |
| **Sem B** | ECOM025 | Financial Econometrics | one module from:  
  - ECOM108 Applied Econometrics Macro/Finance  
  - ECOM114 Applied Econometrics Micro | two elective modules from:  
  - ECOM108/114 Applied Econometrics  
  - ECOM009 Macroeconomics B  
  - ECOM010 Microeconomics B  
  - ECOM015 Corporate Finance  
  - ECOM032 Econometrics B  
  - ECOM044 Advanced Asset Pricing and Modelling  
  - ECOM081 Development Economics  
  - ECOM035 International Finance |
| **Summer 2022** | ECOM075 | Dissertation | [Preliminary meeting in Jan 2022; proposal due end of Sem B.] |
Assessment & Award of MSc

- Each taught module carries 15 credits. Dissertation module carries 60 credits. \([8 \times 15 + 60]\) credits = 180 credits for MSc.
- Marking scale: Distinction 70–100, Merit 60–69, Pass 50–59.
- For MSc award: need (i) overall [credit-weighted] average 50+, (ii) dissertation mark 50+, (iii) no more than 30 credits failed, and (iv) no mark under 40.
- One resit opportunity for failed modules; mark capped at 50.
- Alternative awards: PG diploma and certificate.
- Extenuating circumstances and “fit-to-sit” policy.
Other Resources and Activities

Computational and statistical software
• MATLAB classes in Semester A or B (TBC)
• Stata classes in Semester B.

Departmental seminars
• Macroeconomics on Mondays at 13:00.
• Finance on Mondays at 14:30.
• Econometrics on Tuesdays at 13:00.
• Microeconomic Theory on Wednesdays at 13:00.
• Applied Microeconomics on Thursdays at 13:00.

Professional skills for financial practitioners
• C++, Excel, Python, VBA, etc.
• Amplify Trading, Applied Portfolio Management, Finance Trading Programme, Investment Club (QUMMIF), etc.
Module Registration

• Go to https://mysis.qmul.ac.uk and login with your QMUL username and password.
• Choose preferred options (subject to constraints described earlier).
• Academic director will check and confirm your choices.
• Registration deadline: 4pm, Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} October.
• Module choices for Semester B are provisional and can be amended during a registration window in Jan 2022.
Friendly Advice

• Be ready to start and try hard not to fall behind.
• Take control of your own education: Be active, not passive.
• Work together with other students.
• Start thinking about your dissertation topic early (but not obsessively).
• If you encounter problems, don’t delay seeking help from module instructors, your academic director, or admin team.
• Enjoy your time at QMUL.