

# Seminar in Behavioral Economics

Summer term 2021

## Learning goals, registration, and credits

This seminar is meant to introduce students to the method of Experimental Economics. After participating successfully students can understand and analyze standard experiments and apply fundamental concepts to adapt or create an experimental design answering a modified or newly created (research) question.

For the seminar in the Summer term 2021, you have to **register via email** including your **full name, student ID**, and a current **overview of your grades**. If you start your Master's studies this term, please provide an overview of the grades of your Bachelor's studies. Contact Mr. Kim Böhm ([kim.boehm@uni-due.de](mailto:kim.boehm@uni-due.de)) before **April, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

The seminar in Behavioral Economics can be used in the seminar slot of the Master studies in Management & Economics in the areas "Economic Policy" as well as "International Economics." Additionally, you can use the credits in the mobility area of your studies. For further usage of the credits, please contact us via email ([kim.boehm@uni-due.de](mailto:kim.boehm@uni-due.de)).

## Structure and grading

You can access all information about the seminar including a short video serving as an introduction to the topic (available after April, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021) in the [moodle course room](#). Please enroll yourself using your moodle account and the key "**design**" (without ""). Bear in mind that you can enroll into the moodle course to see the introductory video without registering for the seminar. If you want to participate, contact Mr. Kim Böhm before April, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

We will provide a **research paper to each group** consisting of two to three students. Such a paper deals with a specific topic in Experimental Economics and includes an experimental design. Also, we will **point out an open or not completely clear aspect** of the paper, e.g. two potential channels driving the effect. **Your group's task is to analyze the paper and propose an experimental design**, which helps to shed light on the open or not completely clear aspect we pointed out. For that, we provide a second short video helping your group to get started with the relevant literature and understanding the fundamental designs in the specific topic of your paper. **In your final presentation, you will pitch your design, explain why it helps to clarify the open aspect, and what results you expect given you would conduct the experiment.** We expect you to work in groups, to share the workload fairly, and for each of you to show your developed competencies in the final presentation.

Your **grade for the seminar** will be based **solely on this final presentation** hold on **July, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. At the moment, we plan to have all presentations between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Given a higher number of participants, we might split the final online session and re-scheduled this final presentation for some of you.

To start the seminar, we will host a **mandatory online session** for all participants on **April, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. In this session, you will learn your group composition, your group's paper, and the related open question.

Three weeks later on **May, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, we provide a **voluntary online office hour**. Please contact the lecturer to set an appointment for your group at least two days prior to that date. This office hour is **not part of your final grade**.

Before **June, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** you have to hand in a **short draft document** explaining your ideas on the design you want to pitch and why it helps clarifying the open aspect. This document should not contain more than two pages and can use bullet points. It serves as a fundament for the following mandatory online office hour with the lecturer for your group and is **not part of the final grade but mandatory**.

On **June, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**, we provide a **mandatory online office hour**. Please contact the lecturer to set an appointment for your group at least two days prior to that date. This office hour is **not part of your final grade but mandatory**.

Three weeks later on **July, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, we host a **mandatory online session** for all participants to hold their **final presentation**.

### **Dates**

April, 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021, 12:00 p.m.:	Deadline for registration
April, 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:	Mandatory online session (for all participants)
May, 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021, after appointment:	Voluntary online office hour (for each group)
June, 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021, 12:00 p.m.:	Deadline for handing in the draft document
June, 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021, after appointment:	Mandatory online office hour (for each group)
July, 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:	Mandatory online session (for all participants)

### **Any open questions?**

Please check the [Moodle course room](#) for more and the most up-to-date information. You can also reach out to us via email ([kim.boehm@uni-due.de](mailto:kim.boehm@uni-due.de)).