

Information for New Lecturers

You are coming over and you will teach at DHBW Stuttgart banking department? Great! We are really happy to have you here 😊:

DHBW is a very unique institution – even in comparison with German universities. So, we have compiled a list of things you might find surprising or useful and want to know in advance.

Teaching Setup

We do not have big lecture halls. We teach in **courses** with between 20 und 30 students. A vintage typically consists of about 80 students, i.e., three course in parallel. Thus, you will lecture each topic three times. This gives plenty of room for interaction and discussions between lecturer and students or between students. Please, use that freedom! It is also necessary, because lecture days are typically long, 6-8 hours a day is the norm. Wouldn't you fall asleep when listening for 8 hours straight? So, interaction is an absolute necessity.

Planning

Compared to universities in other countries, we plan quite far ahead into the futures. Please, don't be surprised if we send you an Excel sheet very early, where you can add your preferred lecture times. Experience shows that slots of three academic hours are didactically optimal, four are often better from an organisational point of view. Choose whatever you prefer, but always a minimum of two. We suggest a 10min break after 40 minutes of lecture.

In contrast to what you are probably used to at home, we do not do lectures once a week over the whole semester. Instead, they are usually clustered, like every day or every 2nd or 3rd day.