

Advanced Macroeconomics: Exam Information

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Exam Format

- The exam consists of two parts: a midterm exam and a final oral exam with a project presentation.
- The midterm exam will be worked on during a tutorial session in 90 minutes under supervision. There will be single- or multiple-choice questions or calculations. The test will be organized as an online format. It is an evaluation of basic knowledge serving as foundation of the final project work.
- The final oral exam will take place at the end of the term after the last lecture. Each participant will be allocated to an own slot on that day (coordination via DFN online poll, trying to take preferences of the students into account). You will present a project work where you discuss a scientific paper. The total duration will be 20 minutes, consisting of 10 minutes presentation and 10 minutes of questions.
- All lectures and tutorials that will have taken place up to the respective exam day will be relevant for the exam.

Examination Rules

- All communication regarding the examination must come from your MLU student email account and be directed to makro@wiwi.uni-halle.de.
- There will be provided two dates for the exam. Please register via Löwenportal for the exam within the official registration period.
- Please check the official examination regulations for the withdrawal deadline.
- In case of illness, please directly contact the examination office (not us). The examination office will evaluate your case.

- These are the dates and grading weights of the exams:

Exam	Weight	Date	Time
1st Midterm	40%	December 17, 2025	2.15 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.
1st Final	60%	February 12, 2026	slot between 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
2nd Midterm	40%	January 16, 2026	6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
2nd Final	60%	March 30, 2026	slot between 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

- The topics for the oral exam will be issued four weeks before the respective date (January 8, 2026 and March 2, 2026).
- You will be informed about the grade on the midterm exam before the final oral exam via e-mail. The final grade will be communicated via Löwenportal where you registered for the midterm exam.
- The allocation to the exam dates will be organized as follows:
 - In general, every student has the possibility to choose between the first and the second dates for the midterm and the final oral exam.
 - For simplicity, all who registered on Löwenportal for the first midterm exam will be assigned automatically to the first date for the final oral exam, and all who registered for the second midterm date will be assigned to the second final exam date, except you explicitly tell us by e-mail that you want to choose the respective other date. Please do so until January 7, 2025.
 - In case of illness at the first date, you will have the opportunity to take the second date.
 - Please note, that if you have chosen the second date and won't pass or are not able to take the exam, you will have to wait until the next winter term.

Grading Scheme

- You can reach 100 points at maximum on the midterm exam, which will make-up 40 percent of your final grade. The grading criteria for the midterm exam are: correct or false (single or multiple choice, calculations).
- You can reach 100 points at maximum in the final oral exam, which will make-up 60 percent of your final grade. The grading criteria of the oral exam are:
 - Translation of economic questions into a macroeconomic modeling framework (25%)

- Interpretation of macroeconomic data (25%)
 - Technical aspects of solving dynamic macroeconomic models (25%)
 - Economic interpretation of model results (25%)
- The oral exam will take place at the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH),
Kleine Märkerstraße 8, 06108 Halle (Saale).
- The final grade will be communicated after the oral exam via Löwenportal.

- The grade levels are as follows:

Percent	Grade
above 95	1.0
90 – below 95	1.3
85 – below 90	1.7
80 – below 85	2.0
75 – below 80	2.3
70 – below 75	2.7
65 – below 70	3.0
60 – below 65	3.3
55 – below 60	3.7
50 – below 55	4.0
below 50	5.0

We wish you good luck for the exams!