

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Universität Kassel/Witzenhausen Module M.SIA.E21: Rural sociology	6 C 4 WLH
Learning outcome, core skills: One of the primary objectives of this course is to introduce students to the principles of sociology in general and key concepts of rural sociology in particular. In addition, we want to provide the analytical tools for understanding the processes inherent to these concepts. Beyond that, the course aims at enhancing students' ability to identify different research perspectives and to critically discuss and analyse research strategies and methods.	Workload: Attendance time: 56 h Self-study time: 124 h
Course: Rural Sociology (Lecture, Seminar) <i>Contents:</i> As an introduction to rural sociology, this course is designed to give an overview of the sociological concepts of "demographic change", "social structural developments and social problems in rural areas" (deprivation, rural poverty): Lectures outline each of these issues and position them within the context of sociology. We will use seminars to debate key questions raised during lectures and to discuss selected issues based on academic publications.	4 WLH
Examination: Homework (max. 20 pages, 50%) and presentation (approx. 30 minutes, 50%) M.SIA.E21.Mp: Rural Sociology Examination requirements: Presentation of and critical discussion on concepts and methods in the field of rural- and agricultural sociology.	6 C
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: none
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Claudia Neu
Course frequency: each summer semester; not 2014 Göttingen	Duration: 1 semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester:
Maximum number of students: 25	
Additional notes and regulations: Literature: Adequate literature is presented in the lecture; text book chapters supply basic knowledge and are complemented by scientific publications.	