

Political Economy of European Integration

Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Type of study	Full-time study
Standard period of study	3 semesters without internship, 4 semesters with internship
Commencement of studies	Winter semester (1 Oct)
Credits (ECTS)	90
Language of instruction	English
Department / Central Institute	Department of Business and Economics

Degree programme

The European Union (EU) and the integration process which it involves poses a new challenge for the protection of natural resources and the regulation of trade and finance, work and social policy. These challenges stem from resistance to deeper integration and social solidarity and the process of globalization. The explosiveness of this situation is manifested in the range of crises currently unfolding within the EU.

The Master's degree programme Political Economy of European Integration seeks to impart a better understanding of the various situations in which the EU is seeking to realize its goals. Graduates of this programme will be able to participate in the processes of European Integration. Students from outside the EU will be accorded the opportunity to acquire a qualification which will enable them to work in contexts dealing with the EU.

Professional field

Graduates of the Master's degree programme Political Economy of European Integration can pursue a range of international careers; and are recruited to a range of government organisations and companies, unions and NGOs which deal with the research and development of European policies.

Information for prospective students

Student Counselling Service

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Student advisory service

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Degree structure

The first semester consists of obligatory introductory courses outlining the principles of economic, political and social integration and the increasing transfer of powers from the nation states to the European level. This focuses on environmental, energy, social reproduction, monetary and trade powers. The second semester is dedicated to a project seminar on current issues in the European integration process. Students can supplement this with choices from a number of specialist courses. Students who have gained less than 210 ECTS in their first degree must acquire the missing credits by completing an internship.

Course contents

First semester

- Module 1: Dimensions of European Integration: Nature, Sustainability, and Energy Security
- Module 2: Dimensions of European Integration: Work, Labour, and Social Reproduction
- Module 3: Dimensions of European Integration: Money and Trade
- Module 4: European Multilevel Governance
- Supervision seminar

Second semester

- Module 1: Current Issues of European Integration
- Module 2 and 3: electives including
- The Politics of Social Cohesion
- Gender and Globalisation
- Distribution and Growth
- Recent Developments in European Law
- Regional Economic Integration
- Econometrics
- Module 4: The Role of Europe in a Multi-Polar World, or another course from the Master's pool

Third semester

- Research methodology seminar
- Master's thesis
- Final oral examination

Admission requirements

- Degree in Economics, Political or Social Science
- at least 210 credit points. Applicants with 180 credits will be required to obtain the additional 30 credits by completing a placement in the third semester (the programme will then last four semesters),
- English language skills on a high B2 level proved by a standardised test, e.g. TOEFL (iBT minimum score 87), IELTS (minimum score 6.0), TOEIC (minimum score 800), Cambridge First Certificate (CFE), UNiCert II
- Letter of motivation and Curriculum Vitae in English,
- evidence specifically of having completed undergraduate modules in

Macroeconomics, Political Science (or comparable courses) and/ or European Studies.

Application procedure and deadlines

- [How to apply for this programme](#)
- [FAQs: Applying for Master degree programmes at the Department of Business and Economics](#)

Applicants with a degree from a German university:

15.04.-15.06.

Please, apply through our [platform](#) (which for technical reasons is only available in German)

Applicants with a degree from an university abroad:

15.04.-30.05.

Students with a Non-German Bachelor degree apply at [uni-assist e. V.](#)

Accreditation

Programmakkreditiert durch den Akkreditierungsrat

Internship semester

Students who acquire less than 210 European Credit Transfer System [ECTS] points in their basic course of studies must obtain the missing credit points by way of an integrated period of practical training, for which 30 ECTS points are available, at the end of the theoretical phase and before completion of studies. Students who have obtained 210 ECTS points in their basic course of studies and have already concluded a period of practical training can undertake a (further) period of practical training on a voluntary basis. Students who obtain no ECTS points during their basic course of studies (mostly non-EU applicants) need not complete a period of practical training.

Study plans and regulations

- [study plan](#)

All information on the offered modules and lectures can be found on the online campus management system [Campus4u](#).

All regulations, forms and documents can be found in your [faculty site](#).

Fees and grants

Tuition fees	None
Semesterfee	ca. € 300 per semester (incl. local transport semester ticket)