

International Economics

Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Type of study	Full-time study
Standard period of study	3 Semester without internship, 4 Semester 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

This degree programme is intended for all those with an interest in global economic problems and who seek to develop an understanding of international economic policies, international economic relations and the functioning of the international currency system.

The Master's degree programme International Economics offers an in-depth exploration of international macroeconomic issues and problems, like global and regional imbalances, macroeconomic instability, inequality and ecological constraints of economic activities. The programme will also impart skills in independent academic working and intercultural communication.

Economic globalization requires an ever-growing number of specialists able to think beyond borders and view the economy in its global context. Therefore, this consecutive degree programme imparts a critical understanding of current debates in economics, including a number of heterodox approaches, and is seeking to adopt a pluralist perspective. The Master's degree programme promotes an understanding of international economic contexts and incorporates theoretical controversies, historical developments and up-to-date developments. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, it seeks to stress the importance of social and political institutions for economic development.

Professional field

The graduates of this degree programme hold all the qualifications required to

Information for prospective students

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Student advisory service

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work in state and private organizations, internationally-orientated companies, economic associations and labour unions. The degree »Master of Arts« (M.A.) also qualifies its holder for the higher levels of public administration and for national and international doctoral programmes.

Degree structure

In their first semester, students attend basic courses at the Master's level. The second semester allows for a specialisation. The third semester is usually dedicated to the final examination in the form of a written Master's thesis and an oral examination. The language of instruction is English.

Students who have gained less than 210 ECTS in their first degree must acquire the missing credits by completing an internship. This extends the regular period of study from three to four semesters.

Course contents

The first semester is dedicated to teaching the foundation courses Macroeconomics, International Economics, Development Economics and Global Governance at a Master's level.

In the second semester, students take part in a project seminar focussing on Current Issues in International Economics. For further three seminars, students choose from a number of electives, such as Distribution and Growth, Econometrics, The Political Economy of Modern Capitalism, Feminist and Ecological Economics, International Political Economy and Applied International Economic Policy.

Admission requirements

- Bachelor's or equivalent degree,
- at least 210 credit points. Applicants with 180 credits will be required to obtain the additional 30 credits by completing an internship 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
- evidence specifically of having completed undergraduate modules in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and International Economics
- Letter of motivation and Curriculum Vitae in English

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

Double and Joint Degrees

The Master programme International Economics participates in the international double-degree Master Economic [Economic Policies in the Age of Globalisation \(EPoG2\)](#) and in the international Erasmus Mundus Joint Degree Master [Economic Policies for the Global Transition \(EPoG+\)](#).

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 internship, 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 an internship.

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)