

# Development Economics and International Studies

## Master of Arts

### 1. Course objectives

The “*Master of Arts in Development Economics and International Studies*” (MA DEIS) is an economics-centred program designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of students planning to work in or seek leadership responsibilities in public, non-profit, and private sector organizations for international cooperation and development. It is also aimed at students intending to work at the intersection between research and practice and at those pursuing an academic career in study-related subjects.

### 2. Description of course content

It is a two-year (four-semester) programme and includes rigorous training in analytical as well as qualitative and quantitative methods. In particular, with the increasing availability of data and the importance of evidence-based policy making, students learn how to do applied empirical work, with a special emphasis on impact evaluations (both experimental and quasi-experimental methods). As part of this training, students will become acquainted with the statistical software Stata.

The programme **has four required core module pairs**. Each of these module pairs is taught over the course of two consecutive semesters, and they are **compulsory** for all students:

#### Research Methods I + II:

These modules introduce students to quantitative methods that are used in economics to empirically test theories and to evaluate the impact of policies. Students also learn to work with the statistical software Stata.

#### Development Economics I + II:

These modules give an introduction to the economics of developing countries. A significant part of the modules is devoted to discussing empirical work, such as impact evaluations of programs run by state and non-state actors in developing countries.

#### International Economics I + II:

These modules offer an introduction to the theory and policy of international trade, and introduce students to empirical work in this field.

#### International Business Ethics I + II:

These modules introduce students to the theory and concepts of business ethics as well as to a series of ethical challenges currently facing the corporate world by taking an international and inter-cultural perspective of analysis and problem solving.

Additionally, students in the DEIS programme take **at least two regional modules**, such as Political Economy of the Middle East, Social Health Protection in South and East Asia, and Business and Society in Latin America.

There is a choice of various **elective modules** offered by the Institute of Economics, such as Behavioural Development Economics and Development Economics and Policy. Note that regional and elective modules may vary over time. Students may also enrol in graduate-level courses on diverse topics of International Studies at other institutes of the Faculty, such as courses on human rights, as well as in graduate-level courses offered by the Faculty of Law, Business and Economics in Nuremberg.

Finally, students can take several **complementary elective modules** that are ungraded. Besides regional and elective modules, students can choose among numerous language courses

(e.g. Chinese, Spanish, Swahili) at various levels. Students may also earn up to 10 ECTS for completing an internship related to the programme.

In their fourth semester, students write their **Master thesis**.

### 3. Course organisation

The DEIS programme requires the completion of:

- **4 core module pairs** (40 ECTS)
- **2 regional modules** (10 ECTS)
- **Elective modules** (20 ECTS)
- **Complementary elective modules** (20 ECTS)
- **Master's thesis** (30 ECTS)

By completing both parts of a core module pair, students receive 10 ECTS credits. (Complementary) Elective courses may have different ECTS credits depending on the workload (usually 5 ECTS).

Students are expected to acquire 30 ECTS credits in each semester. In their first semester, students are expected to attend the Statistics Refresher course (5 ECTS) and the core modules Development Economics I, International Economics I, and Research Methods I (20 ECTS in total).

During their second semester, students are expected to attend the core modules Development Economics II, International Economics II, Research Methods II, and International Business Ethics I (20 ECTS in total).

During their third semester, students are expected to attend International Business Ethics II (5 ECTS), leaving plenty of room for regional, elective and complementary elective modules. There are also numerous options for students to spend their third semester abroad at one of our partner universities. We currently have exchange programmes running with universities in China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea, among others.

The fourth semester is reserved for the Master's thesis.

#### 3.1 Forms of assessment

Language of instruction (teaching, examination, Master thesis etc.) is **English**. In lectures that are taught with tutorials, ECTS credits and grades are awarded for written exams. In seminars, ECTS credits and grades are awarded for a term paper (~15 pages) and for a presentation.

### 4. Entry requirements

- Qualified degree (Bachelors, Diploma or equivalent) in Economics or a related field. Applicants should have 70 ECTS in economics/management including at least basic knowledge of (a minimum of 5 ECTS each in) microeconomics, macroeconomics, and statistics/econometrics.
- Grade point average of 2.5 or better (in the German marking system) in the undergraduate program.
- Sound knowledge of English (CEFR C1 level or higher: i.e. 95 TOEFL iBT, 7.0 IELTS, or comparable evidence).

For detailed information on how to apply, please visit the programme's website, <https://www.madeis.study.fau.eu/>.

#### 4.1 Where to apply

##### First step:

Online application via the application portal:  
<http://campo.fau.eu>

##### Second step:

Please send all required documents to the following address:  
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Referat L4 - Masterbüro  
Schlossplatz 4  
91054 Erlangen  
Germany

**Application deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of July for the upcoming academic year (starting in October)**

#### 5. Addresses

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##### For more information

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#### 6. Example Curriculum

|   | Module title                              | Course type                     | Hours/week |     |     | ECTS                          | Form of assessment                        |
|---|---|---------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|---|
|   |   |                                 | L          | T   | S   |                               |   |
| 1 | Statistics Refresher course               | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | 1   |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | Research Methods I                        | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | 1   |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | Development Economics I                   | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | 1   |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | International Economics I                 | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | 1   |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | Elective Module I                         | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | (1) |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | Elective Complementary Modules I and II   | Varying course types            |            | 4-6 |     | 5                             | Course achievement w/o grade              |
| 2 | International Economics II                | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Development Economics II                  | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Research Methods II                       | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Regional Module I                         | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | International Business Ethics I           | Lecture + Tutorial              | 2          | 1   |     | 5                             | Written exam                              |
|   | Elective Module II                        | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
| 3 | International Business Ethics II          | Lecture and Tutorial or Seminar | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Regional Module II                        | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Elective Module III                       | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Elective Module IV                        | Lecture + Tutorial or Seminar   | (2)        | (1) | (2) | 5                             | Written exam or presentation & term paper |
|   | Elective Complementary Modules III and IV | Varying course types            |            | 4-6 |     | 10                            | Course achievement w/o grade              |
| 4 | Master Thesis                             |                                 |            |     | 30  | Master thesis (50 – 70 pages) |   |

Homepage of the Institute of Economics: <https://www.economics.phil.fau.eu/>

Study and examination regulations: <https://www.fau.de/universitaet/rechtsgrundlagen/pruefungsordnungen/>

Information of the Study Advice Centre (IBZ): <https://www.fau.de/studium/beratungs-und-servicestellen/studienberatung/>

University Calendar: [www.univis.fau.de](http://www.univis.fau.de)