

Development Economics and International Studies

Master of Arts

1. Course objectives

The “*Master of Arts in Development Economics and International Studies*” (DEIS) provides rigorous training in analytical and quantitative methods. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of students planning to work in or seek leadership responsibilities in public, non-profit, and private sector organisations for international cooperation and development.

2. Description of course content

The MA DEIS is an economics-centred, two-year (four-semester) programme. It includes rigorous training in analytical and quantitative methods in order to enable students to become a critical consumer of academic research in the field of development economics, and have a sound understanding of how empirical work is done with a special emphasis on impact evaluations.

The DEIS programme of study **has four required core module pairs**. These are designed to provide students with rigorous academic training. Each of these module pairs is taught over the course of two semesters. These module pairs are **compulsory** for all students:

Development Economics I + II:

These modules give an introduction to the economics of developing countries. A large part of the modules is devoted to discussing empirical work, such as impact evaluations, and hence applying the tools learned in Research Methods I + II.

International Economics I + II:

These modules offer an introduction to the theory and policy of international trade with special reference to trade policy in developing countries.

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.

Research Methods I + II:

These modules introduce students to quantitative methods that are used in economics to empirically test theories or evaluate the impact of policies.

In addition to these four core module pairs, students in the DEIS programme take **at least two regional modules**, such as:

- **Economic History and Development of the Middle East**
- **Developmental Issues in China's Transition**
- **Business and Society in Latin America**

Additionally, students have a choice among various **elective modules** offered by the Institute of Economics, such as:

- **International Finance**
- **Controversies in Development Economics**

Students may also enrol in graduate-level courses on diverse topics of **International Studies** as well as courses at the Faculty of Law, Business and Economics. Numerous language courses (e.g., Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, and Swahili) at

various levels are also available as elective complementary modules.

In the **fourth semester** of their studies, students write their **Master thesis**.

3. Course organisation (see section 6)

The DEIS programme requires the completion of:

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

The **required core module pairs** stretch over two consecutive semesters. By completing both parts of a module pair, students receive 10 ECTS credits. **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 core modules Development Economics I, International Economics I, and Research Methods I (15 ECTS in total). They are recommended to attend a refresher course in Statistics (5 ECTS).

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).

Students are encouraged to spend their third semester abroad at one of our partner universities. We currently have numerous exchange programmes running with universities in China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea, among others (please visit our website for a comprehensive list). During their third semester, students are expected to attend International Business Ethics II (5 ECTS), with plenty of room for regional and elective modules.

The fourth semester is reserved for the Master's thesis (30 ECTS credits).

3.1. Forms of assessment

In courses that are taught with tutorials, ECTS credits and grades are awarded for written exams. In seminars, ECTS credits and grades are awarded for writing and presenting a paper. These rules apply to most elective and elective complementary courses, too.

4. Entry requirements

- Qualified degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) in Economics. Applicants should have 70 ECTS in economics/management including at least basic knowledge of 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 (i.e. CEFR C1 level, 95 TOEFL iBT or 7.0 IELTS scores).

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:

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Application deadline is 15th July for the following academic year (starting October)

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5. Addresses

6. Module overview

Semester	Module title	Course type	Hours/week	ECTS	Form of assessment
1	International Economics I	Lecture (L)	2	5	written exam (60 min)
		Tutorial (T)	1		
	Development Economics I	Lecture	2	5	written exam (60 min)
		Tutorial	1		
	Research Methods I	Lecture	2	5	written exam (60 min)
Tutorial		1			
Elective Module I	Lecture	2	5	written exam or term paper	
	Tutorial	1			
	Elective Compl. Module I	varying course types	4-5	10	course achievement w/o grade
2	International Economics II	Seminar	2	5	presentation & term paper (~15 pages)
	Development Economics II	Seminar	2	5	presentation & term paper (~15 pages)
	Research Methods II	Seminar	2	5	presentation & term paper (~15 pages)
	Regional Module I	Lecture	2	5	written exam (60 min)
		Tutorial	1		
	International Business Ethics I	Lecture	2	5	written exam (60 min)
Tutorial		1			
	Elective Module II	Seminar	2	5	written exam or term paper
3	International Business Ethics II	Seminar	2	5	presentation & term paper (~15 pages)
	Regional Module II	Seminar	2	5	presentation & term paper (~15 pages)
	Elective Module III	Seminar (alternatively: L + T)	2	5	written exam or term paper
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	Elective Module IV	Seminar (alternatively: L + T)	2	5	written exam or term paper
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	Elective Compl. Module II	varying course types	4-5	10	course achievement w/o grade
4	Master Thesis			30	Master thesis

* **Examples of selectable Elective Complementary Modules** (note: they are not offered by the Institute of Economics and they are ungraded):

- Human Rights Law
- Políticas y economías de América Latina (in Spanish)
- The International Relations of Latin America

Useful Links:

Homepage of the Institute of Economics: <http://www.economics.phil.fau.de/>

Study and examination regulations: <http://www.uni-erlangen.de/universitaet/organisation/recht/studiensatzungen/>

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

University Calendar: www.univis.fau.de

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