Development Economics and International Studies
Master of Arts

1. Course objectives
The "Master of Arts in Development Economics and International Studies" (DEIS) is an economics-centred programme 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 a 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 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:
- Economic History and Development of the Middle East
- Developmental Issues in China's Transition
- Business and Society in Latin America

There is a choice of various elective modules offered by the Institute of Economics, such as:
- International Finance
- Development Economics and Policy

Note that these modules may vary over time. 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
The DEIS programme requires the completion of:
- 4 core module pairs (40 ECTS)
- 2 regional modules (10 ECTS)
- Elective (incl. complementary) modules (40 ECTS)
- Master's thesis (30 ECTS)

By completing both parts of a core 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 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 elective complementary 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 (please visit our website for a comprehensive list).

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 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 for a seminar presentation. 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, including at least basic knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and statistics/econometrics. Subject-related degrees with at least 50 ECTS in Economics, including at least basic knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and statistics/econometrics, are also recognized.
- 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).
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: 15th of July for the upcoming academic year (starting in October)

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6. Example Curriculum

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* 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

* Students may earn up to 10 ECTS as Elective Complementary Module for completing an internship related to the program
* Following consultation, modules from other socio-economic programmes can be accepted as elective modules

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