Development Economics and International Studies
Master of Arts

1. Course objectives
The “Master of Arts in Development Economics & International Studies” (DEIS) combines rigorous training in analytical and quantitative methods with an emphasis on policy and practice. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of graduate students seeking leadership responsibilities in the public, non-profit, and private sector organizations for international cooperation and development, and for those intending to pursue careers in teaching and/or research in the general field of development economics. Each year, about 30 - 50 students enrol in this selective programme. Both German and international candidates are considered for admission. The language of instruction is English.

2. Description of course content (cf. section 6)
The DEIS programme of study is an economics-centred, multi-disciplinary two-year (four semester) programme. It has four required core module pairs which are designed to provide students with rigorous academic training, as well as with tools that can be used in the practice of international cooperation and development. Each of these two semester-long module pairs consists of a lecture with tutorial (part I) and a seminar (part II).
The following module pairs are compulsory for all students:

- **Development Economics I + II**: These modules explore the models constructed by classical and modern economists to explain long-term economic growth in developing countries. Specific topics such as population growth, income distribution, environmental issues, and project management, as well as policy issues of international cooperation and development are covered.
- **International Economics I + II**: These modules are designed to examine current policy issues in international economics and to foster the ability of students to apply models of international trade and finance to problems of emerging economies and 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 approach quantitative methods that are frequently used in economics from an applied point of view. Standard and more advanced techniques will be introduced with an emphasis on regression and time-series analyses.

In addition to these core module pairs, students in the DEIS programme take at least two regional modules (either taught course with tutorial or seminar). Such regional modules are, e.g.:
- **Business and Society in Latin America**
- **China’s Economic Imbalances**
- **Energy and Development in the Middle East and North Africa**
- **Introduction to the Chinese Economy**
- **The Economy of the United States**

Students are also advised to take elective modules offered by the Institute of Economics covering special fields of the theory and policy of economic development such as:
- **Behavioral Development Economics**
- **Development-Oriented Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**
- **International Finance**
- **Qualitative Methods for Policy Research**
- **Sustainable Development and National Strategies**

Students may also enrol in graduate-level courses on diverse topics of International Studies, including language studies, offered by the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology, as well as by the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law.

In the fourth semester of their studies, students undertake research by writing a master thesis in English.

3. Course organization (cf. section 6)
The DEIS programme requires the completion of:
- **4 required core module pairs** (40 ECTS)
- **2 required regional modules** (10 ECTS)
- **8 elective modules upon approval by the DEIS Coordinator** (40 ECTS)
- **Master thesis** (30 ECTS)

The required core module pairs and the regional module pairs stretch over two consecutive semesters consisting of a taught course with tutorials (3 hours a week) in the first semester and seminars (2 hours a week) in the second. By completing both parts of a module, students receive 10 ECTS credits. Elective courses may have different ECTS credits depending on the workload.

Students are required to acquire 30 ECTS credits in each semester. In the first three semesters of their studies the four core module pairs and at least two regional modules of their choice have to be taken. The remaining ECTS credits are gained by attending elective complementary courses upon approval by the DEIS Coordinator. The fourth semester is reserved for the master thesis. Students are advised to spend one (preferably the third) semester of their study at a partner university in a developing country.

3.1. Forms of assessment
In part I of the core modules (taught courses with tutorials) ECTS credits and grades are given by written or oral exams. In part II (seminars) ECTS credits and grades are given for writing and presenting a paper, mostly in form of an essay. These rules may apply to most elective courses, too.

4. Entry requirements
- Degree in higher education (Bachelor's or equivalent) in Economics. Applicants with a degree in a related subject must present evidence of a strong focus on economics and statistics or quantitative research methods in their undergraduate education.
- Sound knowledge of English (i.e. CEFR C1 level, 95 TOEFL iBT or 7.0 IELTS scores).
4.1. Where to apply

Online applications:
You can apply online for all Master's degree programmes of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. (See below.) You can also check the current stage of your application here:
http://www.uni-erlangen.org/studying/degree-programmes/application-master-degree.shtml

Submit your application to:
University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
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Schlossplatz 3
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Application deadline is 15th August for the following academic year (starting October)

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6. Module overview

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* Examples of selectable Elective Complementary Modules (note: they are not offered by the Institute of Economics and they are ungraded):
  - Menschenrechte / Human Rights (Political Science)
  - Vergleichende Gesellschaftsanalyse / Comparative Social Analysis (Sociology)
  - Politik in außereuropäischen Regionen / Politics in Non-European Regions (Political Science)
  - Las relaciones internacionales de América Latina (in Spanish)

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: http://www.vorlesungsverzeichnis.uni-erlangen.de