

Entry requirements

To apply, you need a good undergraduate degree with at least 35 ECTS credits in economics (gained in subjects such as microeconomics, macroeconomics and/or economic policy) and at least 15 ECTS credits in mathematics and statistics. Beyond this, there are no specific requirements on the content of your first degree programme.

If you have not yet received your final transcript/student record and certificate at the time of application, you may apply using your Transcript of Records or other preliminary transcript. If you are successful in your application, you should then submit your final transcript and degree certificate by the end of the tenth week of lectures in the first semester.

You must submit an English language certificate at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), unless English is your native language or the language of instruction for your prior university or secondary education. You should also have basic knowledge of German (level A1 CEFR) to help you in your everyday life. If you do not have basic knowledge of German, you will be able to take a free language course either before the start or within the first two semesters of the programme.

If the evaluation of your submitted documents is positive, you will be invited for an aptitude test consisting of a written exam and an interview. The test can be taken in person or via a video conference.

Please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for details on the application process and the required application documents.

The application deadline for this programme is 30 June.

Further information and contact details

Programme profile on the web

www.uni-passau.de/en/msc-ieb

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Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements

www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

International Office

Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau

www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Student Registration Office

Contact for enquiries related to your application

www.uni-passau.de/en/apply

E-mail: registry@uni-passau.de

International Office/iStudi-Coach

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Master of Science in International Economics and Business



Degree awarded	Master of Science (M.Sc.)
Duration and credits	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	October (winter semester)
Language of instruction	English



About the programme

The M.Sc. International Economics and Business programme imparts in-depth expertise, skills and research methodology in micro- and macroeconomic theory as well as empirical economics with a focus on *Global Economy, International Trade and Finance*, and *Governance, Institutions and Development*. The methodological competences, while geared primarily to economic analysis, are enriched with business administration-specific elements. This degree programme is offered entirely in English.

Features

- Focus on economics modules
- Strong involvement of empirical research (laboratory and field experiments as well as secondary data analysis)
- Includes selected modules on business administration and econometrics
- Interdisciplinary modules count towards the degree
- Excellent staff-student ratio due to small learning groups (about 20 to 30 students each year)
- Combines theory and practice
- Excellent reputation of the University's research
- Excellent results in the CHE Ranking (the university rankings scheme for the German-speaking world)

What our students say

"The thematic diversity combined with various practically oriented teaching formats, which impart theoretical concepts and methodological approaches according to state-of-the-art research, distinguish this programme."

Moreover, I would especially like to emphasize the excellent support of the professors and the cultural diversity of my fellow students, who make this study program truly international and cosmopolitan, and all of this on Germany's most beautiful campus."

Marco Kreuzpaintner
(studies M.Sc. International Economics and Business)



Career prospects

Economists work in a wide variety of occupations. Our graduates have been offered top-tier posts in academia and in the business world: executive posts in the private sector, in policy consultancies as well as in public-sector organisations and federal and state ministries. Many decide in favour of an academic career and follow up with doctoral study.

Programme syllabus

The programme is divided into seven module groups and the master's thesis module:

A: Core Courses (25–30 ECTS credits)

The core econometrics, macroeconomics and microeconomics courses impart the central techniques required for the subsequent stages of your degree programme.

B: Advanced Methods (a minimum of 10 ECTS credits)

In this module group, you will be acquainted with advanced quantitative methods in in-depth econometrics and behaviour-oriented courses.

C: Global Economy, International Trade and Finance (a minimum of 10 ECTS credits)

This module group comprises courses on globalisation, trade and finance. You will learn about theories and apply empirical methods to understand human decision-making processes concerning investments, location, trade and finance as well as their respective systemic interactions and ways of influencing economic policy.

D: Governance, Institutions and Development (a minimum of 10 ECTS credits)

In this module group you will learn about theories and apply empirical methods to understand development theory and policy; institutional design; the fight against corruption; ethics; fiscal policy; and health economics.

E: Business Administration (a maximum of 20 ECTS credits)

Suitable business administration modules complement the knowledge acquired in module groups A to D.

F: Foreign Language with a business and economics focus (a maximum of 10 ECTS credits)

You will gain 10 ECTS credits in one of the following foreign languages offered by the Language Centre: Chinese, Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish.

G: Interdisciplinary Modules (a maximum of 10 ECTS credits)

In this module group you may study master's-level modules taught at the other faculties of the University of Passau and have them counted towards your degree. This allows you to give your degree profile its own interdisciplinary orientation whilst exploring the methodology and subject matters in other disciplines at an advanced level.

You will write your master's thesis on a topic from module group A, B, C or D. When you pass the thesis module, you are awarded 20 ECTS credits.

