

School of Business, Economics and Information Systems

Information about the degree programme:

M.Sc. International Economics and Business



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

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About the programme

The M.Sc. International Economics and Business degree programme provides you with in-depth expertise, transversal skills and research methodology in micro- and macroeconomic theory as well as in empirical economics with a focus on *Global Economy, International Trade and Finance and Governance, Institutions and Development*. The research methodological competencies, whilst geared primarily to economic analysis, are supplemented with business-administration-specific elements. This degree programme comprises both German- and English-taught modules and can also be completed entirely by attending only English-taught modules.

Career prospects

Economists work in a wide variety of occupations. Our graduates have been offered top-tier positions in academia and in the business world: executive positions 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

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

B: Advanced Methods

You will become acquainted with advanced quantitative methods in in-depth econometrics and behaviour-oriented courses.

C: Global Economy, International Trade, and Finance

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 related to investments, location, trade and finance as well as their respective systemic interactions and ways of influencing economic policy.

D: Governance, Institutions and Development

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

Suitable business management courses can supplement the knowledge acquired in module groups A to D.

F: Foreign business language

You have the possibility to integrate a foreign language (business/economics track) into your programme. Courses are offered in the following languages: Chinese, Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

G: Interdisciplinary Modules

By completing modules from master's degree programmes of the University's other faculties, you can develop and shape your own interdisciplinary complement to the programme syllabus and, at the same time, gain insights into the methodology and subject matter of the disciplines of other faculties at a higher level.

You will write your **master's thesis** on a topic from module group A, B, C or D.

Before you begin your studies

Programme start: October (winter semester)

Application and selection process

The School of Business, Economics and Information Systems carries out a selection process for this master's programme. For your application to succeed, you need:

1. A first degree (bachelor's degree, *Magister*, *Diplom*, state examination or equivalent) in a related subject, earned in a programme of study with a minimum standard length of three years' full-time study. If you do not have your final certificate and transcript at the time of application, you may apply using a preliminary transcript or Transcript of Records which shows your grades/marks achieved to date. 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.
2. An **English language** certificate at level **B2 CEFR**¹, unless English is your native language or the language of instruction for your prior university or secondary education.
3. International applicants whose native language or language of instruction of their prior secondary or tertiary studies is not German additionally require basic knowledge of the German language at level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. If you do not present proof of language proficiency when you start your studies, you can prove the required knowledge of German to the Student Registration Office by the end of the first academic year.

The application deadline for the intake in October (winter semester) is **30 June**. This is a strict cut-off deadline, and your application must be received by these dates to be considered.

Please make sure you apply on time: www.uni-passau.de/en/apply

Selection process

If the above conditions are met, your application will undergo a **selection process**. It will be assessed on the following **criteria**²:

Your application will be checked to ascertain your aptitude for the programme, based on your proven qualifications. Your application will be rated on a scale of 0 to 210 points, with 0 being the worst result and 210 the best. Up to 90 points are awarded for the final grade of your prior undergraduate degree. The maximum score of 90 is awarded for a final grade of 1.0 (or the equivalent foreign grade). Three points are deducted for each tenth that the actual grade is below the maximum attainable 1.0 grade.

Up to 40 points are awarded for methodological competencies (**i.e. mathematics and statistics**) if they amount to a workload of **at least 15 ECTS credits**. The maximum score of 40 is awarded for an average mark of 1.0 (or the equivalent foreign mark). One point is deducted for each tenth that your average mark is below the maximum attainable 1.0 mark. Missing ECTS credits are counted as a mark of 5.0 (a fail mark).

Furthermore, 80 points are awarded for **economics** assessments if these amount to a workload of **at least 35 ECTS credits**. The maximum score of 80 is awarded for a grade average of 1.0. Two points are deducted for each tenth that the actual average mark is below the maximum attainable 1.0 mark. Missing ECTS credits are counted as a mark of 5.0 (a fail mark).

Applicants who can demonstrate through other means that their final grade or marks received on their coursework in methodological skills and economics are above average receive half of the available points.

Applicants who have not yet obtained their final certificate and transcript will be deemed to have passed all outstanding assessments in the interest of equal treatment. Their final grade is then calculated as the average mark of all assessments listed in the Transcript of Records.

The overall score is calculated as the sum of the individual assessments.

¹Proof of language skills:
www.uni-passau.de/en/apply/masters-programme-applications/language-requirements-for-masters-programmes

²Please see the appendix to the subject-specific study and examination regulation for the degree programme:
www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/study/degree-programmes

Applicants who have achieved **at least 120 points** are invited to take an **aptitude test**. (Applicants with less than 120 points will have their application rejected.)

Aptitude test

Applicants will be notified of the aptitude test date at least one week in advance, and the interview may take place before 30 June. If you are unable to attend this date for reasons outside your control, you can request an alternate date up to 15 September at the latest. In the request, you must indicate the reasons why you are unable to attend the first date.

The aptitude test is conducted **individually for each applicant**, either in person or via video conferencing; its approximate duration is 25 minutes.

During the aptitude test you should demonstrate that you are able to independently achieve the intended learning outcomes of the degree programme. The required basic knowledge includes, in particular, knowledge from **microeconomics** (budget theory, equilibrium in perfect and imperfect markets, game theory), **macroeconomics** (Keynesian economics, multiplier analysis, monetary policy, fiscal policy, general equilibrium, comparative cost advantage, the Heckscher-Ohlin model, theories of international trade) as well as **mathematics and empirical economics** (algebra, differential and integral calculus, descriptive statistics, inductive statistics, econometrics). You will not be tested on any knowledge that will be imparted in the master's programme.

The **following three main areas will be assessed**:

- a) the suitability of your prior knowledge for the degree programme
- b) your ability to apply prior knowledge to current issues in economics
- c) methodological competencies in addressing economic problems

Overall, you can attain up to **30 points** in the aptitude test (up to 10 points in each of the main areas). The aptitude test consists of a written portion (multiple-choice test, max. 15 minutes working time) and an oral portion, where you will give a **short presentation** (5 minutes preparation time, 2 minutes presentation on a current economic policy problem). The overall score is calculated as the sum of the individual assessments.

To pass the aptitude test you must score at least 20 points. You will then be **sent an offer** for a place on the programme.

If you have any questions about the application and selection procedure, please contact the Student Registration Office, Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau, Germany; phone +49 851 509 1127; registry@uni-passau.de; www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office.

Prospective students from abroad

For information on how to apply, please visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply, answer the questions under "Personalised application guide" and then click on "Continue". You will be directed to a page listing all required documents for your application.

Applicants with a first degree from an **EU or EEA country**³ should apply directly through the **Campus Portal** of the University of Passau. The application process for the M.Sc. International Economics and Business is conducted **entirely online** (you will upload scans of all your documents to the applicant portal). This makes the application process particularly unbureaucratic. Only at the time of enrolment will you have to submit your documents to the Student Registration Office as certified copies and/or certified German/English translations (if they were issued in a language other than German or English).

Applicants with a university degree from non-EU/non-EEA countries should apply via **uni-assist**.

³ These include the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

At the start of the degree programme

Orientation Week

An **Orientation Week** ("O-Woche") is held one week before the start of lectures. During this week you will receive help organising your timetable and have the opportunity to participate in guided tours of the library and the campus. **New students are strongly encouraged to make use of these orientation offers.**

www.uni-passau.de/en/orientation-week

International Students' Orientation Weeks

International students are also invited to participate in the special orientation weeks for international students organised by the International Office before the beginning of their first semester. These International Students' Orientation Weeks start approximately four weeks before each winter semester and two weeks before each summer semester.

www.uni-passau.de/en/orientation

Foreign-language placement tests

You can choose a foreign language in module group F. To study **English, French or Spanish**, you must have previous language skills that permit you to join the FFA programme at level **Advanced 1 (Hauptstufe 1)**, which corresponds to CEFR level C1.⁴ For **all other languages**, you have to provide proof of existing language skills at a level that allows you to attend the FFA programme at the **Intermediate level (Aufbaustufe)**. If you can demonstrate a higher level of language proficiency, you must attend the course that builds on that level. Therefore, you are required to take the language placement test (www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests).⁵

Many placement tests are conducted online. Online placement tests can be completed even before the Orientation Week. If you have existing language skills for a language for which no placement tests are carried out, please arrange a face-to-face consultation with the relevant language lecturer well in advance of the start of the language course.

Placement test dates: www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/placement-tests/test-dates

Course catalogue, Stud.IP and HISQIS

The course catalogue can be found at www.uni-passau.de/en/course-catalogue

Stud.IP (<https://studip.uni-passau.de>) stands for *Studienbegleitender Internetsupport von Präsenzlehre* and is one of the virtual learning environments of the University. It allows you to search and register for courses, create your timetable and retrieve teaching materials and news about your courses, among other things. Your ZIM username and password, which you need to sign in to the IT systems, will be sent to you once you have completed enrolment. Once you are logged in to Stud.IP, you can change the display setting to English. To do so, click on your profile picture (upper right-hand corner of the screen), select "Einstellungen" and under "Sprache" – which is set to "Deutsch" by default, choose "English", then click on the "Speichern" button.

Click on the search icon (the looking-glass symbol) on Stud.IP to find your **courses**. Then click on "Course directory", then "Degree programmes/Courses of study", "Master", and scroll down to "[Master International Economics and Business \(Version WS 2023\)](#)". There, you will find the relevant modules, sorted by module groups, and the courses in the current semester.

During the Orientation Week and on the ZIM website (www.zim.uni-passau.de/en/new-student-info) you will be given an introduction to the IT systems of the University of Passau by the Centre for Information Technology and Media Services (ZIM).

⁴If your prior university degree shows that you have a higher proficiency level than that required for FFA Advanced 1, you should register for Advanced level 2 (*Hauptstufe 2*) (CEFR level C2).

⁵If you would like to have a language certificate recognised as proof of your previous language proficiency instead of the placement test, you can send a scan of your certificate to Mr Wolfgang Killer (wolfgang.killer@uni-passau.de, Examinations Administrator of the Language Centre) and ask for placement at the correct language level.

Academic calendar

Check the academic calendar for teaching dates and other important dates during the semester. Please note that the **semester break** is the part of each semester during which there is no teaching; however, for administrative purposes the semester break still counts as being within the respective semester. Most written **module examinations** take place during the first weeks of the semester breaks. In many degree programmes, students also have to complete written assignments and internships during the semester break.

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

Programme structure and course credits

Modular structure and European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

The degree programme is divided into modules. A module is a complete unit of study and consists of one or more courses (i.e. lectures, seminars or tutorials) on the same or a closely related topic. Every module has a specific ECTS credit value (aka ECTS load) which reflects the time students are expected to spend on coursework (including both teaching contact hours in class and self-study at home or in the library) if they are to successfully complete the module. A rule of thumb is that one ECTS credit amounts to a workload of roughly 30 hours, including class attendance and self-study.

You earn coursework and examination assessments by regularly attending the respective course in combination with exams, portfolios, colloquia, presentations, reports, seminar papers and other similar assessments. Most modules conclude with a written or oral examination, for which you will receive a mark. When you pass the exam, you are awarded the full ECTS credit value of the module.

In order to complete your programme within the standard period of study, you should aim to obtain **approximately 30 ECTS credits every semester**.

Programme structure

The programme consists of **seven module groups** and the **master's thesis**. Please see the appendix for information on the module groups. As a rule, you will receive a mark on all module assessments. These marks are included in the final grade according to their ECTS credit weighting.

The **module catalogue** contains detailed module descriptors, including required assessments. It can be found at www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/study/degree-programmes. The general study and examination regulation for the master's programmes of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems and the subject-specific study and examination regulation for the M.Sc. International Economics and Business programme (on which this infosheet is based) can be downloaded from that page.

Studying abroad

For this degree programme you have the option of **going abroad to complete part of your studies or an internship** there.

www.uni-passau.de/en/international/going-abroad

Master's thesis

To be permitted to commence writing the master's thesis, you must meet the thesis requirements and have accumulated a minimum of 35 ECTS credits on the degree programme. You will write your master's thesis on a topic chosen from module group A, B, C or D. You will be given 18 weeks to write the thesis, which should have a length of 12,000 to 18,000 words. The master's thesis should be written in German or English. You are awarded **20 ECTS credits** for passing your master's thesis.

Completing your degree studies

In order to successfully complete the programme, you need to accumulate a minimum of 120 ECTS credits by passing the relevant modules and attain a mark of 4.0 or better on your master's thesis. Once you have done this, you will graduate with the degree of **Master of Science (M.Sc.)**.

You may make a written request to the Board of Examiners to have the marks of two passed module examinations deleted, which will then not be included in the calculation of your final grade.

At the end of the degree programme, you should send a written request for your final degree documents (i.e. the final transcript, degree certificate, etc.) to the Examinations Office:

www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/general-information

Key competencies and career planning

The Future: Careers and Competencies Section (ZKK) provides students with a comprehensive offering of transversal skills seminars and a wealth of resources and services to facilitate job orientation, internship search and career entry. The ZKK provides jobs listings and helps students with scholarship applications for internships abroad. The offered seminars and computer courses equip students with interdisciplinary competencies that boost their employability. In addition, the ZKK supports students with special job application seminars and information on starting a career at home and abroad.

www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk

Voluntary completion of additional modules

Students enrolled at the University can acquire various additional qualifications and certificates: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/study-options/additional-qualifications. The best-performing students are invited to participate in the "**Honours Programme**" of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems (www.uni-passau.de/en/honours-certificate).

Any ECTS credits acquired beyond the prescribed 120 ECTS credits will be shown as additional qualifications in a separate certificate.

All students enrolled at a Bavarian university can take advantage of the virtual course offering of the **Bavarian Virtual University** (*Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern*, www.vhb.org).

Start-up support

Passau is an up-and-coming region in Germany in terms of business start-ups. Spin-outs from the University of Passau have already created a large number of jobs in the region. Students who are thinking about becoming entrepreneurs enjoy a large number of support services.

www.uni-passau.de/en/knowledge-transfer/business-start-up-support

Career orientation

Information on the various occupations: <https://web.arbeitsagentur.de/berufenet> [German content]

The Federal Employment Agency offers **open consultation hours on** Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on **study and careers guidance** and **academic employment services**. You can find the current dates at www.uni-passau.de/berufsberatung [German content]

Doctoral study

A doctorate is an important step if you are planning to embark on an academic career. This may be the right career choice for you if you enjoy applying economic methods and exploring a given topic in great depth whilst using your critical thinking ability to reflect on complex problems. Following the doctorate the next step on the academic career ladder in Germany is usually the so-called *habilitation* – which qualifies you to teach and conduct research in a professorial position. However, you can equally well find work in a non-university environment.

For further information on doctoral study at the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems, visit www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/research/doctorates.

Important examination-related rules and regulations

Study and examination regulations; module catalogue

The general study and examination regulation for master's programmes of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems, the subject-specific study and examination regulation for the M.Sc. International Economics and Business, and the module catalogue can be found at www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/study/degree-programmes.

Standard and maximum length of the programme

The standard period of study is **four semesters** (120 ECTS credits).

You may only resit failed examinations within **six semesters** of starting the programme (the **maximum period of study**). If you have not passed all required examinations after the sixth semester, you will fail the degree programme in the first instance; however, you then have once last chance of resitting the missing assessments once until the end of the eighth semester.

If you have not passed all required modules by the end of the **eighth** semester, you will fail the programme without the possibility of resitting the examinations. It is important to understand that this "*endgültig nicht bestanden*" status, which means "final fail", also bars you from enrolling in the same degree programme at other German universities. This resit deadline is not affected by any semesters out/leave of absence or termination of enrolment.

Resits

You may resit failed module examinations (i.e. with a mark of "*nicht ausreichend*" or "*nicht bestanden*") **as often as you need**. However, you may re-attempt a failed **master's thesis** only **once** and you will need to do this with a new topic. You cannot voluntarily resit examinations for modules you have passed in an attempt to improve your mark.

Credit transfers

Please contact the Examinations Office if you wish you have credits counted towards your current degree. Visit www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/general-information for the credit transfer form and other information.

Illness and inability to attend examinations

If you fall ill before an exam, you must decide whether to withdraw from the exam due to illness **before the start of the exam**. A **medical certificate** is required. If you become ill during an exam and have to abort the examination, you must provide a medical certificate issued by a **public medical officer ("Amtsarzt")**.

In either case you must submit the completed **Inability to Attend Examinations due to Illness Form** at the earliest opportunity. You should submit the form and medical certificate to the Examinations Office as described in the **information sheet on inability to attend examinations**. Please make sure you follow the instructions in the information sheet. For the application form and information sheet visit www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/general-information.

If you **fall ill for a longer period of time** during the semester, it may be expedient for you to take leave of absence for the whole semester. Leave of absence must be requested from the Student Registration Office (using the Leave of Absence Request Form), and you will need a certificate from a registered doctor stating that you are unable to study and sit exams in the current semester. A leave of absence in retrospect after the end of the semester is not possible. For the Leave of Absence Request Form and further information, visit the Student Registration Office's website: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/re-registration-and-enrolment-status/leave-of-absence

If you receive a **BAföG** loan/grant: Please note that **interrupting your studies for more than three months** due to illness will result in your BAföG loan/grant being **terminated**. Please contact the Welfare Office of the Student Services Association (*Studentenwerk*) if you find yourself in this situation: <https://www.stwno.de/en/counseling/social-counseling>.

Academic adjustments and exam access arrangements for disabilities/long-term illness

If you have a physical or mental impairment or suffer from chronic illness, you may be able to apply for academic adjustments (e.g. extra time for written examinations or an extension of your study duration beyond the maximum period of study).

www.uni-passau.de/en/disabilities

Examinations Office

If you need information on exam-related questions, please visit the Examinations Office's website (www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office). Should your question not be answered there, you can also arrange a **consultation** with an Examinations Office staff member.

www.uni-passau.de/en/examinations-office/exam-information-for-msc-international-economics-and-business-msc-ieb

Accommodation, student finance and support

Accommodation in Passau

The Student Services Association (*Studentenwerk*) runs four student halls of residence in Passau. In addition to these state-run student residences, there are other residential complexes operated by the Church or private organisations. Finally, the private housing market offers many flats (apartments), which can be rented by students, often as shared flats. Our www.uni-passau.de/en/housing web page gives you a comprehensive overview of the halls of residence in Passau, private renting options and advice on the topic of accommodation for international students. Once it has been validated, the CampusCard serves as a semester bus pass, allowing you to use the buses in Passau around the clock. Buses are a convenient way to travel to and from the University, particularly if your flat is located in a district that is further away from the city centre.

Student loans and grants (BAföG)

If you would like to receive financial support in accordance with the federal training assistance act (*Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz*; BAföG), you should submit your application in good time before the start of the semester. All information and application forms can be found at www.bafög.de

Scholarships/fellowships

There are a large number of scholarships available to students, such as the *Deutschlandstipendium* scholarship (which is equally available to foreign nationals, despite the potentially misleading name). Make the most of your opportunity and find out about the various funding possibilities at an early stage. A good way to start is by attending one of the scholarship information events or visiting our website: www.uni-passau.de/en/scholarships

Important contacts

Academic Advice Service

The Academic Advice Service provides information on the degree programme and advises students who are unsure which degree programme to apply for, those who are thinking of transferring programmes or changing subjects as well as students who wish to discontinue their studies. Contact us in person, by phone or e-mail to make an appointment.

Academic Advice Service, Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau

Phone: +49 851 509 1154

Availability by phone: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Personal consultations by appointment:

Drop-in hours: Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de

www.uni-passau.de/academic-advice

Programme advisers

Please discuss any in-depth questions about the programme with the programme adviser:

Dr Oliver Farhauer
Room 219, HK 14b, Dr. Hans-Kapfinger-Strasse 14b
Phone: +49 851 509 2413
E-mail: oliver.farhauer@uni-passau.de
www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/fakultaet/lehreinheiten/lehreinheit-fuer-vwl/studium-und-lehre/studienberatung_teaching/study_counselling

Additional information: www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/msc-ieb

If you have questions on the qualification or the application and selection process, please call the Student Registration Office at +49 851 509 1127 or send an e-mail to registry@uni-passau.de.

Student Services Association (*Studentenwerk Niederbayern/Oberpfalz*)

The Student Services Association runs the refectory, cafeterias and student halls of residence, provides student welfare advice and facilitates involvement in cultural projects, e.g. theatre, film, photography, art, dance and music. Student Services Association staff also offer advice on social and financial matters. For information on our range of services, visit www.stwno.de/en

Overview of all advice centres

All advice services of the University: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/services-and-advice

Student societies

Student committee of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems

The FS WiWi student committee is the link between students, lecturers and the faculty administration. It informs and advises students on all study-related issues. In addition, the WiWi student committee represents student interests in the University's governing bodies and organises the Orientation Week as well as other leisure activities.

Room WIWI 025, Innstrasse 27
E-mail: fs-wiwi@uni-passau.de
Phone: +49 851 509 2404
www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/students-committee

OVERVIEW OF MODULES

M.SC. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Please use the **module catalogue** (www.wiwi.uni-passau.de/en/study/degree-programmes) when planning out our degree programme and observe the **study and examination regulation** applicable to your programme. The module catalogue lists important information for each module, such as prerequisites, curriculum and forms of examination.

With the approval of the Board of Examiners, further modules can be offered in module groups A, B, C, D and E. The courses are announced in the module catalogue at the start of the semester.

Module group A: Core Courses

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

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L) and (E)	Econometrics Methods	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Natural and Field Experiments	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Fundamentals of International Trade	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Micro Development Economics	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Advanced Macroeconomics	written exam	2+2	5
(L)	Advanced Microeconomics (Game Theory)	written exam	2	5
Total: At least five modules				At least 25

Module group B: Advanced Methods

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

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L) and (E)	Topics in Applied Econometrics	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Multivariate Verfahren/Paneldatenanalyse <i>(This course is taught in German)</i>	written exam	2+2	5
(L)	Fundamentals of Business Analytics	written exam	2	5
(S)	Applied Statistics Seminar	essay/paper	2	5
(L)	Advanced Data Analytics	written exam	2+2	5
(L)	Computational Statistics – Regression in R	written exam	1	3
(L)	Computational Statistics – Statistical Learning in R	written exam	1	3
(L)	Behavioural Game Theory	portfolio	3	5
(S)	Experimental Economics (Own Experiment)	essay/paper	4	10
(S)	Experimental Economics (Group Experiment)	essay/paper	4	7
(L)	Lectures in Advances Methods 1	written exam or portfolio	2+2	5
(L)	Lectures in Advances Methods 2	written exam or portfolio	2	3
Total: At least 2 modules				At least 10

Module group C: Global Economy, International Trade and Finance

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 related to investments, location, trade and finance as well as their respective systemic interactions and ways of influencing economic policy.

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L) and (E)	Advanced International Trade	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	The Empirics of International Trade	written exam	2+2	5
(S)	Recent Topics in International Trade	essay/paper	2	7
(L) and (E)	International Monetary Economics	written exam	2+2	5
(S)	Advanced Macroeconomics Seminar	portfolio	2	7
(L) and (E)	Neue Standorttheorien – Regional- und Stadtökonomik in Theorie und Praxis	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Advanced Corporate Finance 1	written exam or portfolio	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Advanced Corporate Finance 2	written exam or portfolio	2+2	5
(S)	Advanced Corporate Finance Seminar	essay/paper	2	7
(L)	Lectures in Advanced International Economics 1	written exam or portfolio	2+2	5
(L)	Lectures in Advanced International Economics 2	written exam or portfolio	2	3
Total: At least 2 modules				At least 10

Module group D: Governance, Institutions and Development

This module group comprises courses on development, institutions and governance systems. 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.

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L) and (E)	Evaluation of Development Policies	essay/paper	2+2	5
(S) and (E)	Economics of Corruption	portfolio	2+2	7
(L) and (E)	Population Economics	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Behavioural Public Economics	written exam	2+2	5
(S)	Public Economics seminar	portfolio	2	7
(L) and (E)	Economics of Education	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Economics of Crime	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Health, Development and Public Policy	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Growth, Inequality and Poverty	written exam	2+2	5
(S)	Development Economics seminar	essay/paper	2	7
(L)	Lectures in Governance, Institutions and Development 1	portfolio or written exam	2+2	5
(L)	Lectures in Governance, Institutions and Development 2	portfolio or written exam	2	3
Total: At least 2 modules				At least 10

Module group E: Business Administration

This module group includes other suitable **business administration** courses that can be completed to complement the knowledge acquired in module groups A to D.

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L) and (E)	Organization Theory and Sustainable Leadership	portfolio	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Organisational and Competitive Strategy	written exam	2+2	5
(L)	Managing and Leading Strategic Innovation and Change	written exam	2	5
(L) and (E)	International Accounting	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Reporting of Digital Business Models	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Advanced International Accounting	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Telecommunications Management	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Electronic Markets	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Organizational Behaviour	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Financial Statement Analysis	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	International Cooperation and Networks	written exam	2+2	5
(L) and (E)	Lectures in Advanced Business Administration	portfolio or written exam	2+2	5
Total: A maximum of four modules				Max. 20

Module group F: Foreign Language with a business and economics focus

You can acquire 10 **ECTS credits** in one foreign language. The following languages are available:

Chinese, Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

To study **English, French or Spanish (for business/economics)**, you must have pre-existing language skills that permit you to attend the FFA programme at level **Advanced 1 (Hauptstufe 1)** (CEFR level C1). If your prior university degree shows that you have a higher proficiency level than that required for FFA Advanced 1, you should register for level **Advanced 2 (Hauptstufe 2)** (CEFR level C2).

For **all other languages**, you have to provide proof of existing language skills at a level that allows you to study the FFA programme at **Intermediate level (Aufbaustufe)**. If you can demonstrate a higher level of language proficiency, you must attend the course that builds on that level.

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(E)	Foreign language (One level corresponds to two language courses studied over two semesters); English, French and Spanish start at level 4, FFA Advanced 1)	written and oral exam	8	10
Total: 1 module			8	Max.10

Module group G: Interdisciplinary Modules

This module group includes courses from other faculties on advanced methods, globalisation, international trade, finance, development, institutions and governance. You will learn about theories and apply methods from the perspective of another faculty to synergistically complement your courses from module

groups A to D. You may study **up to 10 ECTS credits' worth of master's-level modules from degree programmes administered by the other faculties** of the University. You will find suitable courses listed in the module catalogue for each semester.

Course format	Module name	Type of assessment	WCH	ECTS
(L)	Interdisciplinary specialisation 1	written exam or portfolio	2	5
(L)	Interdisciplinary specialisation 2	written exam or portfolio	2	5
(S)	Advanced interdisciplinary seminar	essay/paper	2	10
Total: 1 to 2 modules				Max. 10

Key of abbreviations

CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/cadre1_en.asp
ECTS	Credit points under the <i>European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System</i>
FFA	The foreign-language programmes offered by the Language Centre, which can be studied alongside your degree programme. The abbreviation stands for <i>Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenausbildung</i> (subject-specific language tuition).
FS	Student Committee (abbreviation of <i>Fachschaft</i>)
WCH	Contact teaching hours per week during the semester
ZIM	The University's computer centre (the abbreviation stands for <i>Zentrum für Informationstechnologie und Medienmanagement</i>)

Course formats:

(E)	Exercise course
(L)	Lecture
(S)	Seminar