

Development Economics and International Studies (DEIS) (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 economic development. Each year, a group of about 30 students enrolls 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 solution.

Econometrics 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 **one required regional module pair**, which also consists of a taught course with tutorials and a seminar. Such regional modules are, e.g.:

- **Economic Development of the Middle East I + II**
- **The Middle East in the World Economy I + II**
- **Foundations of China's Economic Rise and the Principles of its Contemporary Economic Model I + II**

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:

- **Development Theory in Retrospect I + II**
- **Entrepreneurship in Developing Environments I + II**
- **Research Seminar on Iraqi Economy**

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

In the **fourth semester** of their study, 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)
- **1 required regional module pair** (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 work load.

Students are required to acquire 30 ECTS credits in each semester. In the first three semesters of their study they have to take the 4 core module pairs and at least one regional module pair of their choice. The remaining ECTS credits are gained by attending elective 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 and regional modules (taught courses with tutorials) ECTS credits and grades are given by written or oral exams and/or paper presentations. 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

- Qualified degree (Bachelor's, Diploma or equivalent) in Economics. Applicants with a degree in a related subject must present evidence of a strong focus on economics and quantitative methods in their undergraduate education.
- Sound knowledge of English, documented by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or an equivalent method.
- Letter of Motivation
- Two references from your academic teachers



4.1. Where to apply

Online application:

On the following website you can apply online for all Master's degree programmes of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. You may as well check the current stage of your application here from time to time:

<http://www.uni-erlangen.org/studying/degree-programmes/application-master-degree.shtml>

Submit your application to:

University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
Referat L 4 – Masterbüro
Schlossplatz 3
91054 Erlangen / Germany

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

5. Addresses

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6. Module overview

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

* Examples of Elective Modules on international topics at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- Internationale Beziehungen / International Relations (Political Science)
- Vergleichende Gesellschaftsanalyse / Comparative Social Analysis (Sociology)
- Politik in außereuropäischen Regionen / Politics in Non-European Regions (Political Science)

Useful Links:

Homepage of the Institute of Economics: <http://www.economics.phil.uni-erlangen.de/>

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

Information of the Study Advice Centre (IBZ): <http://www.uni-erlangen.de/studium/>

University Calendar: <http://www.vorlesungsverzeichnis.uni-erlangen.de>