

M.Sc. Economics at Trier University

Introduction

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Trier and Trier University

- Trier lies in the southwest of Germany at the river Mosel, surrounded by vineyards, in close proximity to France, Belgium, and in particular to the financial and EU administration center Luxembourg.
- Trier is the oldest city in Germany, built by the Romans. The Roman buildings in the city have UNESCO World Heritage status.
- Trier's cathedral dates from the 4th century and is thus the oldest church in Germany; among its treasures: the Holy Tunic.
- Trier has about 110,000 inhabitants.
- Trier University was originally founded in 1473, closed at the beginning of the 19th century, and then refounded in 1970.
- Current student enrollment: approximately 11,000 students.



Trier University



M.Sc. Economics at Trier University

- General economics master's program with interdisciplinary outreach (political science, business administration, sociology, statistics).
- Six different **specializations**:
 - (1) International Political Economy
 - (2) International Labor Markets and Innovation
 - (3) International Finance
 - (4) European Social Security and Health Systems
 - (5) Econometrics and Applied Statistics
 - (6) Environment and Sustainability
- Joint master's program **M.A. International Economics and Public Policy** with Political Science Department also exists.

Profile M.Sc. Economics

- Duration of program: 2 years.
- One semester can be spent abroad (Erasmus plus).
- Double degree option for the M.Sc. Economics in cooperation with the **University of Warsaw** and the **University of Bergamo**.
- Language of instruction: **English**.
- Preparatory course: Mathematics for Economists.
- Academic **Mentoring**.

Structure

- Master's program is decomposed into **modules**.
- Most modules take one semester to complete, a few modules span two semesters.
- Modules have a weight of **5** or **10 credit points** (CP);
in German: Leistungspunkte (LP).
- Only exception: Master's thesis (30 CP).
- 120 CP must be completed for degree.
- When a 10 CP module examination of a 10 CP module is passed, grade has weight of 10/120 in overall grade.

Compulsory Modules (60 CP)

- Modules of the **first** semester:
 - (1) Advanced Microeconomics (10 CP)
 - (2) Advanced Macroeconomics (10 CP)
 - (3) Econometrics (10 CP)
- Master's thesis (30 CP) in the **fourth** semester.

Elective Modules (60 CP)

- During the **second** and **third** semester, students have to choose modules worth 60 CP.
- If **at least 30 CP** belong to one of the specializations, the student obtains a degree with a distinct specialization, e.g., M.Sc. Economics – International Finance, which is shown on the transcript.
- However, students can also finish their studies without a distinct specialization.

Degree M.Sc. Economics

When you have completed

- (1) the three compulsory modules,
- (2) 60 CP in electives with or without a distinct specialization,
- (3) and the Master's thesis,

you will be awarded the degree **M.Sc. Economics**.

Double Degree Option

- **First year** at Trier University: 60 CP.
- **Application** for admission to double master's degree program after first semester.
- **Second year** at **partner** university: 60 CP.
- Master's thesis supervised by a professor from Trier and a professor from partner university (Bergamo or Warsaw).
- Two Master's degrees:
 - (1) Trier: M.Sc. Economics (European Economic Integration) **and**
 - (2) Warsaw: Master in International Economics **or**
 - (3) Bergamo: Master in Economics and Data Analysis
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Brief information on Warsaw

- With about 1.7 million inhabitants largest and most populous city of Poland.
- Dynamic and growing city in the midst of Europe.
- Cultural, economic, and political center of Poland.
- Old town – UNESCO world cultural heritage.
- Department of Economics ranked first in Economics in Poland (RePEc-Ranking).

Bergamo (Università degli Studi di Bergamo)



Brief Information on Bergamo

- With around 119,000 citizens, an important regional center of Lombardy in the North of Italy.
- Only 50 km away from Milan, situated at the border between the Alps and Padan Plain, with own airport close to the city.
- Wonderful medieval old town, lying on a hill.
- University ranked in the top half of 39 Italian universities listed in the Times Higher Education Ranking.

Admission Requirements for M.Sc. Economics

- grade 2.9 or better in an economics bachelor's program
- grade 2.5 or better in a related bachelor's program, such as business administration, social sciences etc., with at least 60 credits in economics, math, statistics
- proficiency in English, for details consult
<https://www.uni-trier.de/en/studies/application-admission/application-english-taught-master-programmes/proof-of-english-language-proficiency>

Application Deadline

- for non-EU nationals:
online application open May 1 to May 31 (admission for winter semester and following summer semester) and December 15 to January 15 (admission for summer semester and following winter semester)
- for EU nationals:
online application open May 1 to July 15 (admission for winter semester and following summer semester) and December 15 to January 15 (admission for summer semester and following winter semester)

Application Materials

- university entrance qualification
- master entrance qualification (bachelor degree)
- transcript of records with overall GPA
- proof of payment of evaluation fee (70 Euros)
- passport or ID card scan
- proof of English language proficiency
- statement about previously attended universities
- tabular CV
- APS certificate for applicants from China, Vietnam and India

source: <https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=50869&L=2>

Advantages of Studying Economics at Trier University

- Small class sizes and large variety of course choices offering interdisciplinary qualifications.
- Our master's program ranked in top group for overall study situation of economics master's programs in Germany (CHE Ranking 2020).
- No tuition fees.
- Each student has professor as academic mentor.
- Excellent job prospects.
- Various internship opportunities (particularly in Luxembourg).
- Preparation for successful doctoral studies.

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- Optional study abroad.
- Department of Economics recipient of Trier University's internationalization price in 2020, awarded because of its engagement in English language master's programs.
- Help with administrative issues both from Trier University's International Office and departmental foreign student advisor.
- On campus affordable student housing available.
- Administrative fee (no tuition!) of about 280 Euros per semester pays for regional free bus and train ticket and cheap university cafeteria meals.

Further Information

- Detailed up-to-date information can be found on the homepage of the Economics Master's program:

`http://www.msc-econ.uni-trier.de`

We would be happy to welcome you in Trier!

