

**Master's programme M.Sc. Economics**  
**Checklist for International Applicants**

Dear applicants,

Before you apply for the Master's programme M.Sc. Economics, we would like to ask you to check, using the following checklist, if you fulfil our admission criteria.

**PLEASE DO NOT APPLY IF YOU DO NOT FULFIL THE ADMISSION  
REQUIREMENTS!**

An eligible candidate must have:

A Bachelor's degree in Economics with an average grade of 2.7 or better according to the German grade system\*

or

A Bachelor's degree with at least 60 credits or 1/3 of all Bachelor's courses in Economics, Mathematics, and Statistics\*\* and with an average grade of 2.2 or better according to the German grade system\*

Very good English language skills as proven by one of the following tests, which should have been taken within the last three years:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with at least a score of  
80 in the internet based test or  
215 in the computer based test or  
550 in the paper based test
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with at least 6.0 points
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English
- UNIcert III
- C1 certificate according to CEF (Common European Framework)
  - o Equivalent to one of the tests is proof of:
    - Native speaker coming from Great Britain, North-Ireland, Ireland, Malta, Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand
    - Two years of full time study in an English taught program, in an English speaking country like Great Britain, North-Ireland, Ireland, USA, Malta, Australia, New Zealand and undertaken within the past two years
    - At least 5 school years of English in secondary education and at least 5 points in English at "Abitur" level (only Germany and Luxembourg)

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If in your opinion our admission criteria are fulfilled by you, please do not forget to add to your application your calculation of the average grade of your Bachelor's degree and an overview of relevant courses. The appropriate forms you will find below. Applications without completely filled calculation and courses overview forms will be not accepted by us.

Detailed information about the Master's programme M.Sc. Economics can be found on our homepage: [www.msc-econ.uni-trier.de](http://www.msc-econ.uni-trier.de)

For questions regarding the Master's programme M.Sc. Economics or the admission requirements, please contact Ms. Alena Shumskikh from the Department of Economics, email to [msc.economics@uni-trier.de](mailto:msc.economics@uni-trier.de)

For questions regarding the application procedure and application documents, please contact the Students Office:  
[admission@uni-trier.de](mailto:admission@uni-trier.de)

Detailed information about admission and application you may also find here:  
<https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=50869&L=2>

\* Formula for translation of a foreign grade point average (GPA) into a grade according to the German grade system:

$$[(G \text{ max} - \text{GPA}) / (G \text{ max} - G \text{ min})] \times 3 + 1$$

G max – maximal grade according to the national grade system or to the official grade system of the home university

G min – minimal passing grade according to the national grade system or to the official grade system of the home university

GPA – grade point average of the Bachelor's or Master's degree

*Example of grade translation:*

1) *The applicant comes from Belarus, his GPA of the Bachelor's degree is 8,49.*

*The maximal grade in Belarus is 10, the minimal passing grade is 1*

$$[(10-8,49) / (10-1)] \times 3 + 1 = (1,51 / 9) \times 3 + 1 = 0,1677 \times 3 + 1 = 0,5031 + 1 = 1,5$$

*The grade of the Bachelor's degree according to the German grade system is 1,5.*

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2) *The applicant has graduated from the Azerbaijan State Oil Academy, his GPA of the Bachelor's degree is 78.*

*The maximal grade at the Azerbaijan State Oil Academy is 100, the minimal passing grade is 65*

$$[(100-78) / (100-65)] \times 3 + 1 = (22 / 35) \times 3 + 1 = 0,6286 \times 3 + 1 = 1,8858 + 1 = 2,8$$

*The grade of the Bachelor's degree according to the German grade system is 2,8 (this grade doesn't fulfil our admission criteria).*

\*\* Example of the courses allowed by us for 60 credits in Economics, Mathematics, and Statistics:

*Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Public Finance, World (International) Economy, Labour Economics, Environmental Economics, Political Economics, Industrial Economics*

*Econometrics, Mathematics, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Game Theory, Statistics, Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics*