

The Master's degree program in Development Economics and International Studies (MA DEIS) taught in English refines your knowledge and skills for jobs in public, non-profit and private organizations. Whether you want to work in leadership positions or at the intersection of research and practice, or you want to pursue an academic career, the MA DEIS will prepare you perfectly. Immerse yourself in challenging course content, explore current developments, and gain the expertise needed to tackle complex global challenges.

The "Master of Arts in Development Economics and International Studies" (MA DEIS) is an economics-centered program designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of students planning to work in or seek leadership responsibilities in public, non-profit, and private sector organizations for international cooperation and development. It is also aimed at students intending to work at the intersection between research and practice and at those pursuing an academic career in study-related subjects.

It is a two-year (four-semester) program and includes rigorous training in analytical as well as qualitative and quantitative methods. In particular, with the increasing availability of micro data (e.g. household or company-level data) and the importance of evidence-based policy making, students learn how to do applied empirical work in (development) economics, with a special emphasis on impact evaluations. This includes both experimental methods, such as randomized field experiments, and quasi-experimental methods. The program hence provides students with the skills to understand much of the empirical literature in development economics. Also, and importantly, as part of this training, students will become acquainted with the statistical software Stata, with the aim of enabling students to do their own empirical analyses.

Each year, a group of about 20-25 students enrolls in the program with 50%-70% of students coming from abroad. The language of instruction is English.

The DEIS degree program of study has four required core module pairs. These are designed to provide students with rigorous academic training. Each of these module pairs is taught over the course of two consecutive semesters, and they are compulsory for all students:

Research Methods I + II: These modules introduce students to quantitative methods that are used in economics to empirically test theories and to evaluate the impact of policies. Students also learn to work with the statistical software Stata.

Development Economics I + II: These modules give an introduction to the economics of developing countries. A significant part of the modules is devoted to discussing empirical work, such as impact evaluations of programs run by state and non-state actors in developing countries.

International Economics I + II: These modules offer an introduction to the theory and policy of international trade, and introduce students to empirical work in this field.

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 solving.

Additionally, students in the DEIS program take at least two regional modules, such as Political Economy of the Middle East, Social Health Protection in South and East Asia, Business and Society in Latin America. There is a choice of various elective modules offered by the Institute of Economics, which may vary over time. Students may also enroll in graduate-level courses on diverse topics of International Studies at other institutes of the Faculty, such as courses on human rights, as well

as in graduate-level courses offered by the School of Business, Economics, and Society in Nuremberg. Finally, students can take several complementary elective modules that are ungraded. Besides regional and elective modules, students can choose among numerous language courses (e.g. Chinese, Spanish, Swahili) at various levels. Students may also earn up to 10 ECTS for completing an internship related to the program.

The DEIS program requires the completion of:

By completing both parts of a core module pair, students receive 10 ECTS credits. Students are expected to acquire on average 30 ECTS in each semester. Note that there are numerous options for students to spend their third semester abroad at one of our partner universities. We currently have exchange programs running with universities in China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea, among others.

For an example curriculum, see <https://www.madeis.study.fau.eu/program/>. Please note that this degree program is offered in English only.

31.05.

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Please see <https://www.madeis.study.fau.eu/how-to-apply/>. There are several entry requirements related to the qualifying degree, the GPA, and English language skills. Furthermore, students need to submit a letter of application (1-2 pages in length) and provide proof of qualified practical experience in the field of development economics as well as a description of their practical experience written in English by the applicant (description of tasks and responsibilities), one page in length.

English C1

Our Student Advice and Career Service (IBZ) is the central point of contact for all questions about studying and starting a degree programme. Our Student Service Centres and subject advisors support you in planning your studies.

Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)

Duration of studies in semester: 4

Start of degree program: Winter semester

Study location: Erlangen

Number of students: 1-50

Subject group: Economic Sciences, Law

Special ways to study: International degree program

Teaching language: completely in English

Admission Requirements: Qualification assessment

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Application deadline winter semester: 31.05.

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German language skills for international applicants: No DSH

General language skills: English C1