Graduate Perspectives

Career opportunities for graduates of the master’s programme in EES are both numerous and varied. Economists often pursue careers in
• government ministries,
• international organisations and associations,
• banks and insurance industries,
• research institutes,
• in any number of positions in national and international corporations
• as well as in academia.

Thanks to an advanced curriculum of economics skills and international course content, business-specific instruction in two foreign languages and a high degree of interdisciplinarity, graduates of the EES master’s degree programme are comparably young, highly qualified entrants into the ever more international labour market.

Graduates with good to excellent marks also have the option of pursuing doctoral studies.

Admission Requirements

If you
• hold a degree from a programme in the social sciences, economic sciences, natural sciences or mathematics,
• have the desire to pursue an international career,
• are skilled in thinking analytically,
• enjoy working with numbers and models,
• want to make a difference,

then you should apply for enrolment in the master’s degree programme in European Economic Studies (EES) at the University of Bamberg!

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University of Bamberg

Master’s Programme
European Economic Studies (EES)
Understanding Europe – Interdisciplinary Studies in Economics

Building on a three-year bachelor’s programme, the European Economic Studies (EES) master’s degree programme at the University of Bamberg offers two years of advanced, graduate instruction. The programme was established in the 2000/01 winter semester. 2005 saw the accreditation of the programme by the ACQUIN accreditation agency, and in 2012 the programme was successfully reaccredited.

At the core of the curriculum is the study of economics, a discipline focused on describing and explaining both micro and macroeconomic phenomena. Students in the master’s degree programme receive instruction in advanced economics and methodological fields.

Students’ freedom to develop their own individual academic profiles is of the utmost importance. Therefore, our top priorities are internationality (with an explicitly European focus) as well as interdisciplinarity with a strong focus on behavioural economics.

Business-specific instruction in up to two foreign languages and numerous specialization courses round out the curriculum. A semester abroad is also possible within the scope of the EES master’s programme, but this is not compulsory.

Your Studies

An initial foundations programme helps students immerse themselves in economic topics and methods, and is also valuable preparation for subsequent semesters. Foreign languages taught with a business-specific focus include English, Spanish, Italian, French and Russian.

Within the scope of specialization studies, students may choose from numerous elective modules, including the following:

- Behavioural Economics
- Economics of Education
- Industrial Economics
- International Monetary Economics
- International Financial Markets
- Psychology and Economics

Depending on personal interests, up to 24 ECTS can be earned in other disciplines like business administration and management, political science, business informatics and sociology. Students may also take courses in a second foreign language.

Depending on the choice of an area of specialization, courses pertaining thereto may be completed entirely in English.

The degree programme concludes with the writing of the master’s thesis, for which five months’ time is allotted. The University of Bamberg’s faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration awards the “Master of Science (M.Sc.)” degree for successful completion of the programme.

Programme Structure

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Unique Qualities

The EES master’s degree programme at the University of Bamberg offers students

- individual and personal advice and support,
- small seminar groups,
- a wide-ranging and internationally oriented course offering and
- involvement in research projects and
- a stimulating and personable learning environment in an historic city.

Owing to the medieval city centre, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, Bamberg is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. With a population of approximately 70,000 and over 13,000 students, Bamberg is the ideal setting for university studies with an historic flair.

The EES degree programme recently received outstanding evaluations in the ZEIT online magazine’s CHE-Rankings. Even in the special “CHE Excellence Ranking” evaluation, Bamberg’s economics programmes were among the highest ranked in the important categories of available courses, international orientation, counselling and support for stays abroad and research funding.