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# Master's degree



## International and Development Economics (MA)

HTW Berlin University of Applied Sciences • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	English (100%)
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Application deadline	The application deadline is 30 September (31 August for applications with DAAD scholarship) each year for the programme starting in April of the following year.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Yes
Additional information on tuition fees	MIDE charges a service fee of 2,500 EUR for the complete study programme, payable as a lump sum upon admission.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>HTW Berlin, the largest university of applied sciences in Berlin, offers an 18-month full-time Master's degree programme in "International and Development Economics" (MIDE), taught entirely in English. Designed for students from developing and transitional countries as well as from Germany and other developed countries with a special interest in the economic challenges facing "third world" countries, the programme prepares students to work in areas related to global economic affairs and development.</p> <p>The Master's programme in International and Development Economics has been established for students who have a first degree in economics/business administration or in other social sciences with a focus on economics. It is designed to enhance understanding of development economics, the international economic context in which socio-economic development takes place, and of key sectors and policy areas that are relevant for developing countries, with a particular focus on agriculture, financial institutions, and public enterprises. In order to understand the challenges of formulating current development policies, the programme covers both the principal theoretical debates as well as specific contemporary examples of strategies, policies, and projects.</p>

# Course Details

## Course organisation

The programme comprises three semesters consisting of 14 course modules, including a project and dissertation period of six months. Six courses are compulsory (marked\*). Additionally, five elective modules, as well as two supplementary modules must be taken.

### First Semester:

- Microeconomics and Development\*
- Macroeconomics and Development\*
- International Economics for the 21st Century\*
- Theories of Development\*
- Norms, Institutions and Social Progress
- Germany's External Relations
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

### Second Semester:

- Development Policies and Research Colloquium\*
- Public Finance for Development\*
- Social Protection in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
- Topical Issues of International and Development Economics
- Central Banking
- Financial Systems Development
- Regional Integration
- The State in Business
- Environmental and Resource Economics
- Development Cooperation
- Econometrics

### Third Semester:

- Master's thesis seminar\*
- Master's thesis (13 weeks)\*

Further information: <https://mide.htw-berlin.de>

» [PDF Download](#)

**A Diploma supplement will be issued**

Yes

## International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Language training provided
- Training in intercultural skills
- Study trips
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

## Integrated internships

An internship is not required. However, if students wish to do an internship during semester breaks, before writing their Master's thesis or after graduation, it will be supported by the programme.

**Special promotion / funding of the programme**

- DAAD

Name of DAAD funding programme	Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Yes
Additional information on tuition fees	MIDE charges a service fee of 2,500 EUR for the complete study programme, payable as a lump sum upon admission.
Semester contribution	320 EUR (subject to change)
Costs of living	<p>Approx. 900 to 1,000 EUR monthly.</p> <p>Please note that the German Embassy will usually ask visa applicants to open a blocked account ("Sperrkonto") as proof that a student has the financial means to cover the living expenses.</p> <p>Applicants must pay a minimum amount as required by law into the blocked account, usually for the first 12 months of the intended stay.</p> <p>This "blocked amount" that visa applicants need to deposit in the account will remain blocked until the account holder arrives in Germany. A blocked account is not freely accessible to the account holder upon opening of the account, as there are limitations on the amount that can be withdrawn or transferred by the account holders within a defined period of time.</p> <p>Required amount for the blocked account: 11,208 EUR (as of January 2023)</p>
Funding opportunities within the university	No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree*</li> <li>• <a href="#">Proficiency in English</a></li> </ul> <p>*The first degree must be equivalent to a three-year German Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS). It is highly recommended that applicants get in touch with the MIDE office (<a href="mailto:mide@htw-berlin.de">mide@htw-berlin.de</a>) to find out whether the degree from a foreign country is equivalent.</p> <p>Applicants with three years of study (180 ECTS) or the equivalent either must study an additional 30 ECTS at the university or prove that they have completed at least one year's professional employment or training since graduating. Applicants with an equivalent of three and a half or more years (210 ECTS) of study do not need to prove professional experience or take additional modules.</p> <p>Applicants for a DAAD scholarship must come from a developing country and have at least two years</p>
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of professional experience since graduation, but should not have graduated more than six years ago.

<b>Language requirements</b>	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TOEFL paper-based: at least 580 points</li><li>• TOEFL computer-based: at least 237 points</li><li>• TOEFL Internet-based: at least 96 points</li><li>• IELTS grade (ACADEMIC) 7.0</li><li>• CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English), all levels</li><li>• CAE (Certificate in Advanced English), all levels</li><li>• BEC Higher (Business English Certificate)</li><li>• TOEIC 800 points or higher</li><li>• If English was the official language of instruction for the first degree, please supply official proof. TOEFL or IELTS are not required in this case.</li></ul>
<b>Application deadline</b>	The application deadline is 30 September (31 August for applications with DAAD scholarship) each year for the programme starting in April of the following year.
<b>Submit application to</b>	Via the online form that is available on our website – <a href="https://mide.htw-berlin.de/">https://mide.htw-berlin.de/</a> – from 15 May until 30 September.

## Services

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<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	International students are permitted to work 120 full days or 240 half days per year on a student visa. During the semester (April to July and October to February), we would advise students to concentrate on their studies as the programme is very intensive and will take up most of their time. In the semester holidays (August, September, and March) there are normally no lectures or seminars. Students may wish to work during these periods.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Residence halls of the "Studentenwerk Berlin" are within three-minute walking distance from the university. Students may also wish to consider looking for a room in a shared apartment ("Wohngemeinschaft" or "WG" for short), which is how many German students live during their studies. There are also housing agencies known as "Mitwohnzentralen" which cater to a variety of accommodation needs.
<b>Support for international students and doctoral candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buddy programme</li><li>• Tutors</li></ul>

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