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Master of Science in Economics

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Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Economics
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All courses are held in English. (Some of the courses in the specialisation European Social Security and Health Systems are only offered in German.)
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	We highly recommend the start of the programme in the winter semester. Although a start in the summer semester is possible, the programme is optimised for a start in the winter semester.
Application deadline	<p>Non-EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">15 January 2025 for the summer semester 2025 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2025/26)31 May 2025 for the winter semester 2025/26 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2026) <p>EU citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">15 January 2025 for the summer semester 2025 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2025/26)15 September 2025 for the winter semester 2025/26 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2026) <p>German citizens and applicants with a BA or MA degree from a German university:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">15 March 2025 for the summer semester 2025 (admission also valid for the winter semester 2025/26)15 September 2025 for the winter semester 2025/26 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2026) <p>Recommended start of the programme: winter semester</p>

Admission is generally valid for two subsequent semesters. Applicants from countries requiring a visa for entering Germany should consider applying until 15 January for beginning their studies in the winter semester of the same year, giving them more time to complete the visa process and to prepare their stay.

Tuition fees per semester in EUR None

Combined Master's degree / PhD programme No

Joint degree / double degree programme Yes

Description/content

The Department of Economics at Trier University offers an international and interdisciplinary two-year Master's programme in Economics. It is designed for students who are interested in gaining a broader perspective on economics. The programme has a special focus on the European context.

The programme combines application and research oriented courses and has a special emphasis on empirical methods. In addition to a thorough training in economic theory and econometrics, students can attend a varying number of courses offered, e.g., by the Business Department, the Political Science Department, or the Sociology Department.

Students will be prepared for a career in both the private and the public sectors. The programme also will qualify students for a PhD programme.

Course Details

Course organisation

The Master's programme MSc Economics is a two-year full-time programme. All students attend the same courses in the first semester (Advanced Microeconomics, Advanced Macroeconomics, and Econometrics). Beginning in the second semester, students can specialise in one of the following six fields:

- European Political Economy
- International Labour Markets and Innovation
- International Finance
- Applied Statistics and Econometrics
- European Economic Integration (for double degree students)
- European Social Security and Health Systems (Some of the courses in this specialisation are only offered in German.)

From the second semester onwards, students can also attend courses in other departments. In the fourth semester, students complete the programme with their Master's thesis. The Master's degree will be awarded based on the credit points acquired and the results of the Master's thesis.

For an overview of the modules of each semester and detailed course descriptions, please visit <http://www.msc-econ.uni-trier.de>.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued Yes

International elements

- Language training provided
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Trier University does not charge tuition fees. Students only have to pay a semester contribution of approx. 320 EUR for the first semester and 300 EUR from the second semester onwards. This includes the "Deutschlandticket" covering public transport and local trains all over Germany. The contribution benefits Trier Student Services and the student union. It also enables students to buy meals at reduced prices at the university's canteens.
Costs of living	Students should expect expenses of approx. 1,000 EUR per month. For instance, monthly housing costs are approx. 290 to 400 EUR (in a students' dormitory or a room in a shared flat) and 450 to 650 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market). A meal in the student cafeteria costs approx. 3 to 5 EUR.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	Trier University offers some funding opportunities for international students in the final stage of their degree programmes (maximum duration: six months). However, there are no funding opportunities within the university for the whole course of study or the first three semesters of the programme.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Economics, Social Sciences, or a field that provides a sufficient background in economics. For detailed information, see: https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=56616&L=2
Language requirements	Applicants must prove their English language proficiency level C1, based on the Common European Framework through one of the following tests. The test must have been taken within the last three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL (Code 9208): at least 215 points (computer based) or 550 points (paper based) or 80 points (internet based) • Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) / C1 Advanced • IELTS (at least 6.5 points) • UNICert III Applicants are exempt from providing above proof of English language proficiency if at least one of the following conditions is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native speaker coming from Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or Malta

- Two years of full-time study in an English taught programme, undertaken within the past two years, in one of these countries: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or Malta.
- At least five school years of English in secondary education and at least five points in English at "Abitur" level (only Germany and Luxembourg)

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- 15 September 2025 for the winter semester 2025/26 (admission also valid for the summer semester 2026)

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Recommended start of the programme: winter semester

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Submit application to

Please apply directly via Trier University's Online Application Portal (PORTA): <https://www.uni-trier.de/en/studies/application-admission/application-english-taught-master-programmes>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Students from the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland enjoy unrestricted access to the German labour market. International students from other countries are allowed to work 120 full days or 240 half days per year.

The Career Service of Trier University and the "Agentur für Arbeit" provide an online database for student jobs. Jobs offers can also be found on the website of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit": <https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de>.

Additionally, some temporary student jobs can be found on the university's bulletin boards. However, many job offers will require at least some knowledge of German.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available in student halls of residence through the Student Services Office (Studierendenwerk Trier: <http://www.studiwerk.de>) or on the private market (e.g. <http://www.hunderttausend.de>). Monthly housing costs are approx. 290 to 400 EUR (for a basic dorm room with a shared bathroom) and 450 to 650 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market).

Career advisory service

Trier University's career service offers a broad range of advisory services, seminars, and events: www.career-service.uni-trier.de

Additionally, the International Office offers a programme specifically targeted at international students: www.career-international.de

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Buddy programme
- Accompanying programme
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

Supervisor-student ratio

1:5



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MSc Economics

The Master's programme MSc Economics at Trier University offers five different options with challenging courses and excellent pedagogy. The kind-hearted professors always create a stimulating and dynamic learning experience for international students. Equally important is its strategic location, which is close to many important financial centres in Europe. This allows students to seek internship and job opportunities at international organisations and corporations.



Welcome to Trier University

Get an impression of Trier University and the vibrant student life in the beautiful city of Trier!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKNKaPAegBw>

Trier University



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Trier University was founded in 1473, and it reopened in 1970 as a modern campus university. Built on a high plateau overlooking the Moselle River and surrounded by lush green nature, it is said to be one of Germany's most beautiful campuses. Faculty and departmental buildings are connected by bridges and grouped around the forum and the central library.

Trier University has a strong focus on the humanities, social sciences, and economics, but it is also steadily strengthening its environmental science programmes. There are six faculties that together cover more than 30 subject areas. Many research projects are interdisciplinary in nature and embedded in global networks.

With its roughly 1,200 employees and 10,500 students (including about 12% international students), Trier University embraces contrast: young yet true to tradition, internationally oriented yet regionally rooted, and at the geographic edge of Germany but in the heart of Europe.

<http://www.uni-trier.de>



University location

Trier is situated in the western part of the federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate in the Moselle Valley. The city is proud of its rich history, which is reflected in its museums and its many historical sites. Thanks to its landmarks, the Porta Nigra, the Trier Cathedral, and other significant architectural monuments, Germany's oldest city was declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site.

Today's cityscape is a fusion of history and modern lifestyle, not least characterised by a vibrant student life. With bars, cafés, and a colourful range of cultural offerings and festivals, Trier is a tourist attraction with international appeal and a beautiful place for the city's 110,000 residents to live.

The economy of the city is characterised by a few major enterprises and many medium-sized businesses. Trier is in the heart of Europe, as evidenced by its proximity to Luxembourg, which is an important financial centre and the site of several EU institutions, as well as its proximity to France and Belgium. Nine twin towns and cities across Europe, Asia, and the USA attest to Trier's international orientation.

<http://www.trier.de>

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