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# Master's degree

**Master of Science in Economics**

**Trier University • Trier**

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<td>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,</td>
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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.

Types of assessment
Written and oral exams, seminar presentations and papers, thesis

A Diploma supplement will be issued
Yes

International elements
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Language training provided
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated study abroad unit(s)
Students can spend their second year of studies at the University of Warsaw or the University of Bergamo and obtain a double degree.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses
Yes

Course-specific, integrated English language courses
Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester
None
Trier University does not charge tuition fees. Students only have to pay a social fee ("Semesterbeitrag") of approx. 285 EUR for the first semester and 270 EUR from the second to the fourth semester. This includes a semester ticket that covers public transport in Trier and the region of Trier. This fee acts as a contribution that benefits Trier Student Services ("Studierendenwerk Trier") and the student union. It also enables students to buy meals at reduced prices at the university’s canteens.

Students should expect expenses of approx. 750 to 850 EUR per month. For instance, monthly housing costs are approx. 230 EUR to 250 EUR (for a basic dorm room) and 350 to 500 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market). A meal in the student cafeteria costs approx. 2.50 to 4 EUR.

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.

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

Applications 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:

- 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 6.0 points)
- UNIcert III

Equivalent to one of the tests is proof of:

- Native speaker
- Two years of full time study in an English taught programme, in an English speaking country and undertaken within the past two years
- 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 2020 for the winter semester 2020/21

Please apply directly via Trier University’s Online Application Portal (PORTA): www.bewerbung.uni-
**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: [https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=37389](https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=37389).

Jobs offers can also be found on the website of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit": [https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de](https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de).

Additionally, some temporary student jobs can be found on the university’s pinboards. 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](http://www.studiwerk.de)) or on the private market (e.g., [http://www.hunderttausend.de](http://www.hunderttausend.de)). Monthly housing costs are approx. 230 to 250 EUR (for a basic dorm room with a shared bathroom) and 350 to 500 EUR (for a single apartment on the private market).

**Career advisory service**

The Department of Economics offers intensive academic support for international students. Due to our long-time cooperation with the DAAD, our advisers know the problems foreign students may face and how these problems can be solved. Moreover, international students are assigned a mentor from the group of professors.

International Students’ Adviser of the Department of Economics:

- msc.economics@uni-trier.de

Trier University’s career service offers a broad range of advisory services, seminars, and events: [www.career-service.uni-trier.de](http://www.career-service.uni-trier.de)

Additionally, the International Office offers a programme specifically targeted at international students: [www.career-international.de](http://www.career-international.de)

**Specific specialist or non-specialist 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
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.

"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."
With its roughly 1,200 employees and 13,000 students (including more than 11% 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. See: 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 has been 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. For more information, see: http://www.trier.de.

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