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Master's degree



Economic Behaviour & Governance (EB&Go)

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Overview

Degree	MSc Economic Behaviour and Governance
Teaching language	• English
Languages	Language of instruction is English.
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	 Winter semester: 31 July Summer semester: 15 January Students with a German degree: Winter semester: 1 September Summer semester: 1 March
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Master's programme in Economic Behaviour and Governance (EB&Go) emphasises the main research areas of the faculty at the Institute of Economics. The objective is to provide students with profound knowledge in behavioural economics with a strong focus on applied research questions. We introduce students to advanced theories in the field of behavioural economics and governance and to advanced empirical methods. Furthermore, we train them to apply these theories and methods to analyse important problems in contemporary economic policy. The graduates have a broad range of job opportunities, including careers in government and public administration, supranational organisations, multinational firms, research, and higher education. Given the large number of courses held in English and the opportunity to write the Master's thesis in English, the Master's programme can be taught completely in English. However, Germanspeaking students can acquire up to two-thirds of the credits in German.

Course Details

Course organisation

The programme lasts for three semesters during which the students complete 11 modules and a Master's thesis. The curriculum is semi-flexible, meaning that for each module, the students can choose among different courses. The modules include either lectures or seminars. All seven modules can be completed in the first two semesters of the Master's programme. The Master's thesis will be written in the third semester.

The programme consists of the following modules:

Research Methods (Modules 1A+1B):

This module is designed to introduce students to advanced empirical research methods in economics and train them to apply these methods to test theories as well as analyse economic policy problems and governance issues.

Economic Behaviour (Modules 2A+2B):

The focus of this module is to obtain knowledge in advanced modelling techniques of agent's behaviour in different economic situations. Students are introduced to a number of different theories in the field of behavioural economics. They learn to apply empirical research methods (especially experimental methods) and to more deeply explore the factors that drive human behaviour.

Governance (Modules 3A+3B):

The module concentrates on the field of economic policy and governance issues. Students learn to apply the empirical research methods and theoretical concepts to address questions of economic policy and governance. A special emphasis rests on the application of approaches from behavioural economics and on public choice concepts.

Advanced Topics in Corporate Governance, Consumer Behaviour, and Management (Modules 4A+4B):

Advanced concepts and methods in the field of business administration are the main focus of this module. Students obtain analytical skills in the field of corporate management, consumer behaviour, and consumer research.

Seminar in Economic Behaviour (Module 5):

In this module, students have to apply the knowledge that they have obtained towards a specific research question in the field of economic behaviour.

Seminar in Governance (Module 6):

In this module, students have to apply the knowledge that they have obtained to a specific problem in the field of governance. The seminars will focus on contemporary challenges in the field of economic policies and governance.

Additive Skills (Module 7):

This module is introduced to inspire students to look beyond the scope of economics, develop their personality, and broaden their labour market opportunities.

Master's Thesis and Colloquium:

In their Master's theses, students have the opportunity to do their own research or to join one of the research teams at the Institute of Economics and contribute to their ongoing research projects.

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

Integrated study abroad unit(s)

Integrated study abroad unit(s)	Students have the opportunity to participate in optional study visits abroad.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Mandatory registration fees allow students to use public transport free of charge and to eat at the university's refectories and cafeterias at reduced prices. The registration fee for the winter semester 2019/2020 was approximately 290 EUR.
Costs of living	In order to cover personal expenses while studying in Kassel, it is recommended that students budget around 750 to 900 EUR per month for accommodation, food, health insurance, books, and miscellaneous expenses.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The University of Kassel offers a few scholarships for international students.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- 1) Students must hold a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Business Studies or a similar field of study.
- 2) In their Bachelor's studies, students must have
 - acquired 210 credit points (ECTS or equivalent) in total;
 - gained profound basic knowledge in the fields of economics and its methods.
 - Specifically, they must have passed courses worth (at least)
 - 60 ECTS credits in Economics, Business Ethics, or Economic Psychology;
 - 18 ECTS credits in Mathematics, Statistics, or Econometrics.
- 3) Students must have a good knowledge of the English language (see below).
- 4) Students who do not fully satisfy the above requirements may be admitted but the admission committee can impose additional requirements which must be fulfilled during the period of study up to completion of the Master's thesis.

Please note in particular: students who acquired only 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent) during their Bachelor's studies can be admitted if they fulfil the language requirements and have profound basic knowledge in economics and its methods. During their Master's studies, they are required to

pass additional courses to make up for 30 ECTS credits.

Language requirements

Students must have good knowledge of the English language. Non-native speakers are required to hold an international language certificate at level B2 (CEFR) or equivalent.

Knowledge of German is not required for participation in the programme. However, German-speaking students can acquire up to two-thirds of the credits in German.

Application deadline

Students without a German degree:

Winter semester: 31 JulySummer semester: 15 January

Students with a German degree:

Winter semester: 1 SeptemberSummer semester: 1 March

Submit application to

Students without a German degree:

Apply via uni-assist.

Students with a German degree:

Apply via the portal and send the printed application and documents to: University of Kassel c/o Studierendensekretariat 34109 Kassel Germany

Services

Possibility of finding parttime employment

Students can apply for various part-time jobs or work as student assistants on campus. Please have a look at www.uni-kassel.de. Some departments also provide positions as tutors or working students.

Accommodation

International students enrolled at the University of Kassel can choose between staying at a student residence hall ("Wohnheim") or private accommodation. There are about 1,000 rooms available in the student residencies around the campus. Please have a look at https://www.studierendenwerk-kassel.de/en/wohnen/. Rent for a room varies between 200 and 350 EUR per month depending on the location and facilities. Students can choose single apartments with en-suite facilities or a shared flat with fellow students. Private furnished or unfurnished accommodation in Kassel is also available and can be found in the local paper, on flyers on campus, or on the Internet (e.g. social media).

Career advisory service

The University of Kassel has a career service that supports alumni and students in their transition into the job market. The career service guides the students during their studies and beyond their graduation with job orientation and assistance in searching for a job or internship through the wide variety of services that are offered.

For more information, please visit: https://www.uni-kassel.de/uni/en/studium/kontakt-und-beratung/servicestellen/career-service/home.

Support for international students and doctoral

Welcome event

candidates

- Buddy programme
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Mentoring

University of Kassel



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The University of Kassel, founded in 1971, is characterised by a multi-layered competence network focused on nature, technology, art, and society. The university, with its ten faculties and its School of Art and Design, has committed itself to international cooperation and interdisciplinary research. It hosts 3,000 international students from over 130 countries among its 25,500 students. Approximately 300 professors teach and research in the fields of engineering, natural sciences, and mathematics as well as the humanities, human sciences, environmental engineering, informatics, and arts.

The faculties are located on the main campus (Holländischer Platz) and on other campuses (Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Heinrich-Plett-Straße, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Wilhelmshöher Allee, Kassel School of Art and Design at the Karlsaue Park, Institute of Sports and Sports Science at the Aueparkhalle, and the "Murhardsche" Library at Brüder-Grimm-Platz). The Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences can be found in the nearby village of Witzenhausen.

Internationally orientated, short-term study courses as well as English-taught Bachelor's and Master's programmes make the university an attractive place to study and do research. International partnerships at home and abroad strengthen its position in the area of national and international higher education.

The university also provides a wide range of leisure-time activities such as sport facilities, cultural activities, international meetings, and social events.





University location

Kassel, with approx. 200,000 inhabitants, is located at the centre of Germany, close to the Fulda River. The city offers rich cultural and

economic diversity. Opera and theatres, concerts, open-air-events, famous art museums, and castles enrich the capital of the German "Fairytale Route". Every five years, the world-famous "documenta" contemporary art exhibition turns Kassel into a cosmopolitan city. There are many parks and forests in Kassel and its surroundings where you can relax in the open air or be active. The "Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe", Europe's largest mountainside park, is the most famous sight in Kassel. In 2013, the park and its water cascades became a UNESCO World Culture Heritage Site. An excellent highway and railway infrastructure provides you with the means to explore other German and European cities in a fast and easy way (e.g. three hours to Berlin, Hamburg, or Munich).

Witzenhausen — where the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences is located — is a small, typical Hessian town, some 35 km from Kassel. Approx. 1,000 students live and work here. Historic, half-timbered houses lend a unique charm to the small town, which is famous for its cherry orchards in the surrounding areas. The annual spring cherry blossom celebration is a highlight for both young and old.

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