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Master's degree



Economic Research – MSc

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Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	You can apply online for following winter semester from the beginning of January until 31 March . Winter semester starts in October.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	Yes
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Cologne Graduate School of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences offers an exclusive two-stage graduate programme in Economic Research. We invite highly ambitious candidates with a particular interest in conducting academic research to apply for our programme. It includes a two-year Master's programme in Economic Research, which is part of an integrated graduate programme ("PhD programme in Economics").</p> <p>In a small exclusive group of students, you will pass the first stage of the programme and receive a MSc in Economics. You will benefit from a unique combination of excellent research with core topics in the field of economic research and specialisations within a broad range of topics and disciplines of the WiSo Faculty, which allow you to tailor your own study profile and become a specialist. You will focus on theoretical principles, learn about state-of-the-art research and use methods to do your own innovative economic research.</p> <p>The research focus of the MSc prepares you for an academic career and enables you to pursue a PhD in the second stage of the programme. If you decide not to enter the second PhD stage of the programme, you will still be highly qualified for top positions in leading institutions and companies</p>

with the advanced analytical focus of your MSc.

Some examples of the questions that the Economic Research students look at include the following:

- What is the scope of behavioural interventions for public policy objectives? For instance, what is the role of environmental taxes, tradable emission certificates and nudges in addressing climate change?
- What are effective ways of measuring and regulating systemic risk in financial markets? What is the role of monetary policy for the stability of financial markets?
- What are causes of persistent economic inequalities? What policies foster social mobility? Why does inequality persist in modern welfare states?

Benefit from local research networks

All specialised courses of the programme relate to up-to-date research areas of our large research centres at the University of Cologne and Key Research Initiatives of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences: the [Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy](#), the [Center for Social and Economic Behaviour \(C-SEB\)](#) and the [Key Research Initiative Behavioural Management Science \(BMS\)](#).

Become part of this network and explore research close at hand with renowned scientists. Research Master's students are highly welcome to take part in lectures, seminars, workshops and events of our local expert networks. We further offer workspaces and IT facilities at the research centres that are exclusively available for MSc Economic Research students.

Course Details

Course organisation

The Master's programme contains 120 ECTS credits and comprises a core section, a specialisation section, a supplementary section and a Master's thesis. The core section of the Master's programme in Economic Research contains 36 ECTS credit points. This area covers the advanced and research-oriented basis of micro- and macroeconomics, statistics, econometrics and mathematics. You will be enabled to handle scientific literature in economic science and analyse economic problems on an advanced theoretical and empirical level. In the specialisation section, you will choose six specialisation courses in the research area you want to focus on in your proceeding studies. You can also broaden your general knowledge by choosing from core courses you did not attend in the core section before. Two reading groups in micro-, macroeconomics or econometrics are compulsory. In these reading groups, students read and discuss the latest research papers in the respective research area. The supplementary section serves as an additional section to further develop a more specific profile – either by deepening and specialising or by diversifying knowledge.

After successful completion of stage one of the programme, you will have two options:

- Continue with the second stage of the graduate programme and start your PhD straight away (dissertation phase).
- Finish the programme with the Master of Science in Economic Research and leave as a highly qualified candidate for top positions in leading institutions and companies.

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International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses No

Online learning

Pace of course Mixed (e.g. fixed exam dates and duration, study content can be studied at any time)

Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme) Yes, compulsory

Types of online learning elements

- Access to databases with study material
- Discussion forums and / or groups
- Online sessions
- Online study material provided by institution
- Online tutorials
- Other
- Video learning (Pre-recorded videos, Vlogs, Video-Podcasts)

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR None

Semester contribution As the University of Cologne is state-funded, there are no tuition fees, just a biannual "semester contribution" of slightly more than 320 EUR, which includes the semester ticket for public transport throughout North Rhine-Westphalia. All in all, joining University of Cologne means investing in an excellent education – and your professional future – without paying a fortune.

Funding opportunities within the university Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university [Further scholarships and further financing options](#)

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements Bachelor's degree

Application in the case of unfinished Bachelor's studies: In cases where present Bachelor's studies have not been fully completed, application is permitted if the candidate has earned at least 80% of the required credits and will have achieved the remaining results by 30 September at the latest. The specific admission criteria governing the designated course of study (including the overall grade) must already have been fulfilled on the basis of the exam results available at the time of application.

Overall grade of at least 2.5 (German grade) in the Bachelor's degree

Fulfilment of the following subject-related requirements:

1. at least 36 ECTS in the fields of business administration and/or economics – from this 18 ECTS in the field of economics
2. at least 15 ECTS in the fields of statistics and/or mathematics and/or econometrics (methodological courses only, no user expertise)

Please find more information and full list of requirements here: <https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/application/master/master-economic-research>.

Language requirements	English language skills C1 All of our courses are offered in the English language. Therefore, it is possible to apply without knowledge of the German language and to complete this Master's degree programme in English.
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Submit application to	https://wiso.uni-koeln.de/en/studies/application/master

Services

Career advisory service	WiSo Career Services
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome event• Specialist counselling
General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates	WiSo Student Services

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