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Doctorate



Berlin School of Economics PhD Programme

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Overview

Degree	Dr rer pol / Dr rer oec or PhD (Doctor of Economics and Management Science, depending on the awarding institution)
In cooperation with	Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, University of Potsdam, ESMT Berlin, Hertie School, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	The general working language in the BSE is English. All courses are held in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	8 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Beginning/middle of February for the following winter semester starting on 1 October Please check our website for updates .
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Berlin School of Economics (BSE) unites Berlin's career development programmes in economics at the PhD and post-doc levels in a single and unique structure. Within the BSE, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, University of Potsdam, ESMT Berlin, Hertie School, and Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) are pooling their efforts in the education of young researchers in economics.</p> <p>The BSE PhD programme provides outstanding doctoral students with a vibrant, highly interconnected research community and a training structure that develops their talents in a unique combination of high-level academic and applied research. During the two-to-three-semester course phase of the programme, students deepen their knowledge of economic theory, applied economics, business studies, econometrics, and economic policy. To complete the course phase, 90 ECTS have to be obtained in courses, workshops, seminars, internships, etc. During the three-</p>

year research phase of the programme, students write their doctoral theses while having the opportunity to apply their knowledge in the BSE's professional research environment.

The BSE PhD programme has **four PhD tracks** from which students can choose:

- PhD in Economics
- PhD in Accounting
- PhD in Finance
- PhD in Management

These tracks share a similar structure and allow for numerous specialisations.

The BSE's post-doc programme ([BSE Research Associates Programme](#)) recruits its members from the international job market for new PhD graduates. The programme provides its members with academic mentoring and offers multiple support structures for research activities, travel, and skill development.

The BSE rests on the long-running efforts of a highly collaborative work environment of Berlin's economic research institutions. Both BSE programmes are connected to all major research activities of the participating institutions.

BSE's graduates are excellently prepared for positions in academia as well as for policy-related institutions and organisations, which has been documented by a list of outstanding placements.

Course Details

Course organisation	Information can be found on our website . » PDF Download
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International guest lecturers• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
Integrated internships	Self-organised internships during the course phase of the programme are possible, but they are not mandatory.
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAAD• Other (e.g. state level)
Name of DAAD funding programme	Graduate School Scholarship Programme
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in	None
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Semester contribution	Currently about 320 EUR per semester
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	PhD students will receive funding for the expected length of the programme. For the course phase, a stipend of 1,200 EUR per month is provided. Funding during the research phase is normally provided through employment at one of the BSE's member institutions.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>The Berlin School of Economics welcomes highly qualified post-graduate students from around the world to enrol in its PhD programme.</p> <p>Applicants should have a Master's degree in Economics or Business Studies and have performed exceptionally well in their studies. Applicants from related fields (such as Industrial Engineering, Statistics, or quantitative social sciences) may also fulfil the admission requirements if they have a sufficient background in Economics or Business Studies.</p> <p>All applicants must provide GRE General Test scores with their application. Most successful applicants score at or above the 90th percentile in the quantitative section of the GRE General Test.</p> <p>Applicants with a Bachelor's degree are eligible to apply for the programme if they also apply for a Master's programme in Berlin that offers a fast track option.</p>
Language requirements	<p>Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency, unless they hold a degree from a university in an English-speaking country or can document at least one year of studies at an English-speaking university. Sufficient evidence for a good command of English is a high score in the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) or the "International English Language Testing System" (IELTS).</p> <p>German proficiency is not required.</p>
Application deadline	<p>Beginning/middle of February for the following winter semester starting on 1 October</p> <p>Please check our website for updates.</p>
Submit application to	<p>Applications are to be submitted via our online application portal that is open during our annual application period.</p> <p>More information can be found on our website.</p>

Services

Structured research and supervision	Yes
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Research training / discussion	Yes
Career advisory service	For all of its doctoral students (and post-docs), the BSE provides support, e.g. mock job interviews, to help students successfully navigate the job market to find jobs as economists or in a similar field.
Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome event • Buddy programme • Accompanying programme • Visa matters

Our Partners



Within the Berlin School of Economics (BSE), [Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin](#), [Freie Universität Berlin](#), [Technische Universität Berlin](#), [University of Potsdam](#), [ESMT Berlin](#), [Hertie School](#), and [Berlin Social Science Center \(WZB\)](#) are pooling their efforts in the education of young economists.

The BSE Office, which coordinates all of the activities of the BSE, is located at the School of Business and Economics of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



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