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Master's degree



Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods (EPQM)

University of Potsdam • Potsdam

Overview

Degree	Master of Science
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	The teaching and examination language is English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	1 June
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The Master's in Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods is a four-semester English language programme that equips students with specialised knowledge in quantitative methods for evidence-based economic policy analysis. Based on a strong theoretical foundation, the programme focuses on two core branches, one in economic policy and one in quantitative methods that enables students to empirically assess economic policy.</p> <p>The Master's programme addresses current economic and sociopolitical topics related to labour markets, inequality, human behaviour, economic growth and sustainability and discusses instruments of economic policy to tackle these issues. The programme offers students the opportunity to develop specialised knowledge and skills in the economic analysis of policy instruments that are essential for evidence-based policy making. Besides a strong theoretical core in economics, the programme has a particular focus on methods for quantitative empirical analysis, which can be applied to different economic policy topics at local, regional, national and international levels.</p>

Course Details

Course organisation

In the four-semester programme, students earn a total of 120 credit points. In the first semester, students are required to earn a total of 27 ECTS credits (CP) from advanced courses in macroeconomics, microeconomics and microeconometrics. Following that, they can choose from a large array of courses in economic policy (30 CP) and quantitative methods (24 CP). They can use 18 CP attached to the elective course module to either further specialise in economic policy or quantitative methods or acquire up to 12 CP through internships or other modules. In the final semester, students prepare their Master's theses and present their work in the research colloquium to earn 21 CP.

EPQM students have the possibility to enter the double degree programme, which includes a **Master's in Public Policies** in cooperation with the University of Rennes (France). Starting with the winter semester of 2024/25, the upcoming EPQM intake will be the first cohort eligible to the study towards the double degree. After spending the first year of the joint Master's programme at the University of Potsdam, participating students will spend their second year at the University of Rennes and obtain their degree from both institutions.

EPQM students are also offered the opportunity to participate in selected doctoral courses at the Berlin School of Economics (BSoE). This can be used as a fast-track option to the PhD degree.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

Integrated internships

The programme includes a voluntary internship module (for up to 12 CP) and thus offers the opportunity to combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience in economic policy analysis and evidence-based policy making.

As part of the Center for Economic Policy Analysis (CEPA) internship programme, we offer selected Master's students the opportunity to complete an internship at one of our partner institutions. The partner institutions include the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

See our website for more details: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/cepa/cepa-internship-program>.

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

No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee, which is currently 322 EUR. This semester contribution includes the "Deutschland-Semester-Ticket", which entitles you to free use of local public transport all over Germany.

Costs of living

The average monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam are 935 EUR, but this can vary between 600 and 1,100 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found [here](#).

Funding opportunities within the university

No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- BSc or equivalent academic degree in economics or a related discipline
- At least 60 CP in economics (including at least 18 CP in statistics, econometrics and mathematics)

Language requirements

- Good proficiency in English (at least B2 level)

Application deadline

1 June

Submit application to

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master/consecutive.html>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets, cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student research assistants at the University of Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. Berlin, the capital city of Germany, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see [this website](#) for further information.

Accommodation

There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally, there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is very tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible.

For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click [here](#).

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/contact/io>

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📷 <https://www.instagram.com/unipotsdam/>

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