



Development Economics

Concept & Goals

Degree jointly offered by

Faculty of Economic Sciences
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

A jointly offered MA degree: Our strength: our staff that has a long tradition of working in development economics

The University of Göttingen can rely on numerous staff from the

- Department of Economics (OEC building)
- Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development (blue tower) &
- Courant Research Centre Poverty, Equity and Growth in Developing Countries (blue tower, 8th floor)
- Center for Modern Indian Studies (Waldweg)

to set up a comprehensive teaching program in DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS.

Objective of program

- Explore economic reasons for underdevelopment
- Make proposals for development policies
- Find solutions to global food problems with the help of agricultural economists

Preparation for careers

- prepare for work in the field of development policies but also in traditional economics
- prepare for both research-oriented work and practical work
- prepare for academic careers in national institutions within development cooperation (GIZ, KfW, ministries) and international organizations (World Bank, UN system, regional development banks, EU)

Challenge of Development Economics:

- To understand the determinants of economic development in the developing regions of the world
- To analyse drivers and impediments of economic development
- Two perspectives to study economic development:
 - Macroeconomic issues: trade, capital flows, and foreign aid
 - Microeconomic issues : access to education and health, labour markets, informal sector, agricultural markets, input, credit and insurance markets;
- To analyze the underlying problems (deep determinants)
- To consider institutions and norms both at the global and the village level
- To discuss the role of economic policies

Our strength: Research-based teaching & multitude of topics

- Research focuses on **the statistical and econometric analysis of economic phenomena**
- We combine theory with empirics
- Multitude of TOPICS that are covered
- The central topic of development economics: how to meet the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

reducing poverty, hunger, mortality, diseases in developing countries & integrating developing countries into the world trading system

requires a better understanding of the trade/integration issues at a global level & of the poverty dynamics

Key features

- **Four semester program (120 credits)** dedicated solely to the study of economic/agro-economic issues related to developing countries
- **Two profiles:**
 - **Economics** (Prof. Stephan Klasen, J-Prof. S. Vollmer, J-Prof. M. Ibañez, apl. Prof. Jann Lay)
 - **Agricultural Economics** (Prof. Martin Qaim, Prof. Brümmer, Prof. M. Wollni)
- Compulsory courses [Pflichtkurse]
- Elective mandatory courses (optional required courses) [Wahlpflichtkurse]
- Elective courses (optional courses) [Wahlfächer]

Key data

- **4 compulsory lectures** in development economics and methods + **1 compulsory seminar** (see list of seminars)
- **2 compulsory modules in the field of specialisation**
- 5 optional requires modules (depending on specialisation)
- 3 electives to choose among all modules of the two faculties
- = **15 modules (courses)**
- **20- week master thesis**

- One semester abroad, not required for international students
- Instead of semester abroad, a field study is possible

4 Compulsory Lectures (24 Credits)

1. Compulsory part of the programme (24 C)

The following compulsory modules with a rating of 24 C must be successfully completed:

M.WIWI-VWL.0008	Development Economics I: Macro Issues in Economic Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0009	Development Economics II: Micro Issues in Economic Development, 6 C
M.SIA.E11	Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Food Security, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I, 6 C

2 Compulsory Lectures in your Field of Specialization (12 C)



a. Specialisation in Economics:

Following modules should be successfully completed:

M.WIWI-VWL.0085	Advanced Microeconomics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0086	Macroeconomics of Open Economies, 6 C

b. Specialisation in Agricultural Economics:

Two of the following modules should be successfully completed:

M.SIA.E12M	Quantitative Research Methods in Rural Development Economies, 6 C
M.SIA.E24	Topics in Rural Development Economics I, 6 C
M.SIA.E01	World Agricultural Markets, 6 C
M.SIA.E20	Agricultural Policy Seminar, 6 C

Optional Required Mandatory Courses (36C)

M.WIWI-VWL.0025	Seminar Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0023	Seminar to the Situation in Latin America in the 21st century: Trade related and Macroeconomic Issues, 6C
M.WIWI-VWL.0024	Seminar to the Situation in Latin America in the 21st century: The Necessity of Reforms, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0035	Seminar: Economic Effects of Regional Integration, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0046	Seminar: Topics in European and Global Trade, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0055	Seminar: Globalization and Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0061	Seminar: Methods of Policy Evaluation: Case Studies, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0063	Seminar: Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment,6C
M.WIWI-VWL.0065	Seminar: Economics of Crime, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0105	Seminar: Controversies in Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0122	Seminar: Behavioral Development Economics, 6 C

Seminars (continued)

M.WIWI-VWL.0063	Seminar: Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment,6C
M.WIWI-VWL.0065	Seminar: Economics of Crime, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0105	Seminar: Controversies in Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0122	Seminar: Behavioral Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0131	Seminar: Business Cycles in Developing Countries, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0132	Seminar: New Development in International Economics, 6 C

Further Optional Required Modules

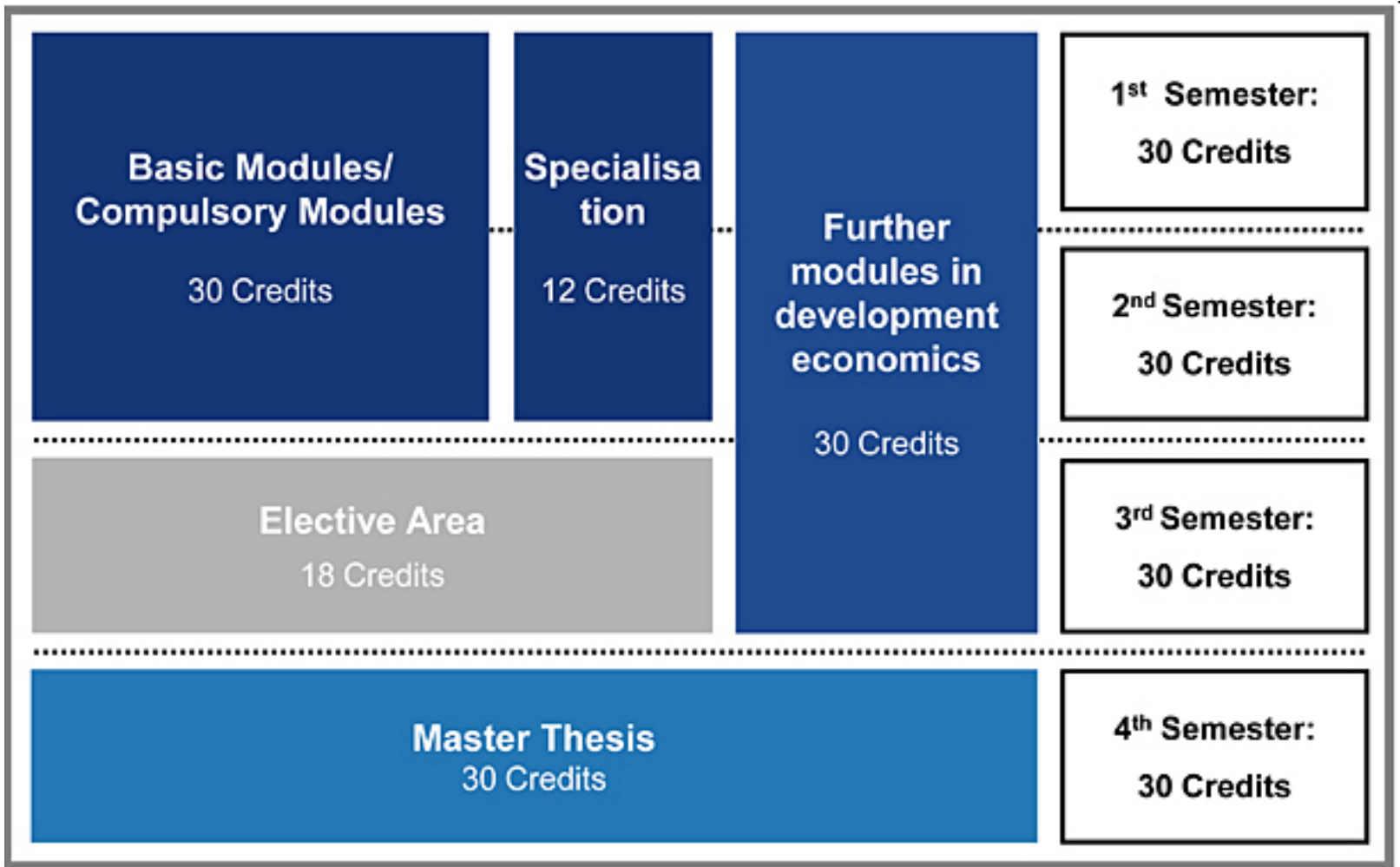
M.WIWI-VWL.0010	Development Economics III: Regional Perspectives in Development Economies, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0018	Economic Development of Africa, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0019	Advanced Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0021	Gender and Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0022	Analysis of Micro Data, 6 C

M.WIWI-VWL.0023	Seminar to the Situation in Latin America in the 21st century: Trade related and Macroeconomic Issues, 6C
M.WIWI-VWL.0024	Seminar to the Situation in Latin America in the 21st century: The Necessity of Reforms, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0025	Seminar Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0035	Economic Effects of Regional Integration, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0040	Empirical Trade Issues, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0041	Panel Data Econometrics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0046	Seminar Topics in European and Global Trade, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0055	Seminar Globalization and Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0059	Methods of Economic Policy Evaluation, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0061	Methods of Economic Policy Evaluation: Case Studies, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0063	Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0083	Economic Reform and Social Justice in India, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0092	International Trade, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0095	International Political Economy, 6 C

Further Modules

M.WIWI-VWL.0092	International Trade, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0095	International Political Economy, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0096	Essentials of Global Health, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0099	Poverty and Inequality, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0100	Economics of Health Care Policy, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0105	Controversies in Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0.113	Financial Econometrics , 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0.014	Finance and Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0.117	Growth, Resources and the Environment, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0128	Deep determinants of growth and development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0131	Business Cycles in Developing Countries, 6 C
M.WIWI-WB.0005	Advanced Topics in Stata, 3 C

Concept



1 Credit point corresponds to a 30-hour workload

Zeit/Tag	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<u>1st slot</u> 08.00 - 10.00			Dev. Economics I Klasen ZHG 002	Dev. Economics I (Practical) VG 1.103	Deep Determinants of Growth and Development Werner VG 1.102 (until 02.12.16)	Quasi-Experiments in Development Economics Vollmer VG 3.108
<u>2nd slot</u> 10.00 - 12.00	Socioeconomics of Rural Development Qaim T01	Econometrics I* Herwartz ZHG 104		Open Economy Macroeconomics Strulik ZHG 002		
<u>3rd slot</u> 12.00 - 14.00	Development Macroeconomics Walle MZG 7.153		Advanced Micro Ibanez ZHG 003		Development Economics (Practical) VG 1.103	
<u>4th slot</u> 14.00 - 16.00	Econometrics I* Herwartz ZHG 001	Poverty and Inequality Vollmer, VG 1.102	Socioeconomics of Rural Development I Qaim T01	Open Economy Macroeconomics (Practical) Yakubenko VG 2.101		
		Development Macroeconomics Walle				
<u>5th slot</u> 16.00 - 18.00	Econometrics I (Practical) Rohloff ZHG 007	Advanced Micro (Practical) Ibanez T01	Poverty and Inequality (Practical) Heesemann, VG 1.102	Econometrics I (Practical) Rohloff ZHG 102		

Formalities/Technicalities

- Please **read the study regulations carefully!**
- We recommend to take 4-5 courses per semester and to earn (optimally) 24-30 credits per semester
- Ex-matriculation occurs if < 90 credits have been earned by the beginning of your sixth semester
- 4 of the mandatory courses (including a seminar) have to be covered when starting with the MA thesis
- Course work can be done when writing the MA thesis (depending on your stress tolerance)
- Get exeat (academic leave) in case of illness or internship

Semester abroad

- German and foreigners with a German education must study abroad (exceptions, BA-certificate with 18 credits from abroad) for one semester at a partner university OR do fieldwork for master thesis abroad:
- Students may apply for the following programmes:
 - Exchange programme with the Stellenbosch University, South Africa
 - Exchange programme with universities in Latin America (for example Colombia, Brazil, Mexico) & the Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago)
 - Exchange programme with universities in Asia (for example China, India, and South Korea, Indonesia)
 - European Exchange Programmes ERASMUS
 - Choice of more than 60 different universities

Contact data

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- **ECON:** Stephan Klasen, sklasen@gwdg.de
- **ECON:** Feli Nowak, fnowak@gwdg.de, phone 39-7487, Wednesday, 11-12h & Thursday, 14-16h, (by appointment only); room 2.205
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Thank you for your attention!

Double Degree Program

- Double Degree Program with University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)
- Only if „ECONOMICS“ is your core area
- MA thesis can be written either in Stellenbosch or Goettingen
- MA thesis will be supervised by 1 lecturer in SAF and 1 in Germany; 2 reports; agreement on grade

Double Degree Program

- DAAD-Scholarship
- about EUR 800 per month + health insurance + travel expenses
- Duration: 9 months
- 1st semester in Gö
- January-November 2017 in Stellenbosch (2 sem.)
- Time to finish course work
- Dec. 2017 - March 2018: MA thesis

- Two degrees: Master of Arts in Development Economics (Uni Gö) + Master of Commerce in Economics (University of Stellenbosch)
- Contact: Vera Sagalova;
- vera.sagalova@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de

1. Studienabschnitt: Göttingen (Semester 1, Wintersemester: Oktober bis Februar)
30 Credits

Advanced
Microeconomics, 6
Credits

Macroeconomics of
Open Economies,
6 Credits

Socioeconomics of
Rural Development
and Food Security,
6 Credits

Development
Economics I,
6 Credits

Econometrics I, 6
Credits

2. Studienabschnitt: Stellenbosch (Semester 2 und 3, Februar bis Mai und Juli bis Oktober)
30 Credits

4 aus 5 Wahlpflichtmodulen,
24 Credits
(Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Dynamic Economic Theory, Advanced Microeconomic
Analysis, Econometrics)

2 Postgraduate
Courses,
6 Credits
(je 3 Credits)

3. Studienabschnitt: Stellenbosch oder Göttingen (Masterarbeit, November bis März)
30 Credits

4. Studienabschnitt: Göttingen (Semester 4, April bis September)
30 Credits

Spezialisierung

(Pflichtmodul: Development Economics II, 3 Module der Fachspezifischen Spezialisierung, 1 aus 3 Wahlpflichtmodulen:
Seminar Development Economics, Seminar to the Situation in Latin America in the 21st century: Trade related and