

“The city that creates knowledge“: Since its foundation in 1737, the Georg-August-University has shaped life in Göttingen – the city lives from science and for science. Of the roughly 120,000 people living here, more than 30,000 are students, and 14 percent of them are international students from more than 120 different countries, appreciating the many perks Göttingen has to offer apart from its excellent university.



- ▶ **Atmosphere:** Göttingen is big enough yet not too big, it is warm, lively, and vibrant - you could easily meet your classmates after the lectures in one of the cozy cafes close by – but it’s also easy to escape campus life altogether for a little while: in Göttingen’s many sports facilities, theaters, bars, concert halls – you name it!
- ▶ **Short distances:** the campus, train station, and city centre are all within walking distance from each other. You can get virtually everywhere quickly and independently from public transportation (which is highly reliable and also free-of-charge for students) by bike – a means of transportation very popular around here. Indeed, so popular that Göttingen introduced the first German bike highway reaching across major parts of the city, so now you can get even faster from A to B.
- ▶ **Affordability:** costs of living in Göttingen are estimated at about € 800 monthly (assuming living in a shared apartment or student residence).
- ▶ **Superb student union infrastructure:** 4,500 dorm rooms, six university cafeterias, excellent sports facilities, “culture season ticket“ offering free or highly reduced entry fee to cultural events in the city.



If you completed an undergraduate degree within the field of economics with a sound basis of economic theory and quantitative methods, speak English fluently, and would like to embark on a career of a development economist, we look forward to receiving your application!

Programme start is every winter and summer term, application is possible from October 1 through November 15 of every year for the subsequent summer term and from April 1 through May 15 for the fall intake (winter term).

You will require certified copies of your degree certificate (if already issued) and transcript of records, proof of English proficiency, a CV and a letter of motivation for application.



**Our students say ...**

*I wanted to specialize in development economics and the master’s degree in Göttingen seemed like the most promising programme for it. During my studies, all the expectations were exceeded thanks to high quality of teaching and involvement in cutting-edge research that inspired me to achieve excellent competence for my future career.  
Ilari, Finland*

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Former and current PhD students of the Chair of Development Economics with Amartya Sen and Prof. Klasen at the Development Economics conference “Göttinger Schule“



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Understanding economic development is one of the key challenges of our lifetime. We live in a world of tremendous inequality in the distribution of income and wealth. People live in extreme poverty, poor health and insufficient educational opportunities are a daily reality for the many. Yet recent decades have also shown that economic development and poverty reduction are possible. Many countries in East Asia, as well as some in South Asia, Latin America and Africa were able to grow, develop, and reduce poverty at phenomenal rates.

The challenge for development economics is to understand the drivers of successful economic development in parts of the world as well as to analyse the conditions responsible for stagnation and regress in others. This includes macroeconomic issues such as trade, capital flows, and aid, as well as microeconomic issues such as poorly functioning labour, land, technologies, inputs, credit and insurance markets. Institutions and norms at the village level need to be studied as much as governance issues at the macro level. Cross-cutting issues such as gender inequality or conflict are also critical to understand.

The English-language Master of Science in Development Economics is jointly offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and has been in place since 2011, building up on successful, long-running master programmes that already had a strong specialization in development issues.



### Our students say ...

*M.Sc. Development Economics offers a large variety of courses, and the structure of the programme gives you the freedom to choose the areas of your interest. The academic tools and the international exposure I gained during my stay in Göttingen have helped me in my professional career. Furthermore, studying in Göttingen is a once in a lifetime experience. The city offers the perfect place to be a student.*  
Gabriela, Mexico

This research-oriented English-language master's programme offers a comprehensive, internationally recognized and accredited four semester course of study dedicated solely to development economics issues. Its wide course offerings, one semester stay abroad or field work, master's thesis and specialization in agricultural economics or economics will enable students to analyse current issues in development economics and prepare them for careers in research or policy.



### Among the key features of the study programme are:

- ▶ Four compulsory courses in macro and micro development issues, econometrics, and rural development,
- ▶ Specialization and profile courses to choose from a wide array of development relevant subjects,
- ▶ Supplementary courses offered by guest lecturers from other European universities or developing countries,
- ▶ Opportunities to take optional courses in six other master's programmes in the faculties of agricultural sciences and economics as electives,
- ▶ Opportunities for internships at institutions of development cooperation, international organizations, and research think tanks,
- ▶ Opportunities for hands-on research experience within our many research projects,
- ▶ Opportunities for field work and research experience in developing countries,
- ▶ A semester abroad at one of our partner universities (e.g. in South Africa, Thailand, China, India, Indonesia, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago – to name just a few!) and many different language courses are offered to round off the programme.

Basic Modules/ Compulsory Modules (18 credits)	Specialisation (12 credits)	Further Mandatory Modules in Development Economics I (6 credits)	1st Semester 30 credits
		Further Mandatory Modules in Development Economics II (36 credits)	2nd Semester 30 credits
Elective area (18 credits)			3rd Semester 30 credits
Master Thesis (30 credits)			4th Semester 30 credits

The University of Göttingen has Germany's largest internationally visible concentration of development economics researchers. The M.Sc. Development Economics offers the great advantage of drawing from long-standing research and teaching experience of two faculties, both deeply committed to development issues: the Faculty of Business and Economics, one of the largest in Germany, with around 4,300 enrolled students and more than 30 professorships (of whom six focus on development economics), and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, in particular the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development with 9 chairs.

These groups not only work at the forefront of cutting-edge development research, but they also are part of international research and policy networks and regularly advise governments, aid agencies, and international organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme on key development issues. Some of the subjects our faculty are conducting research and offering classes in include development aid, gender and development, global health, food security, rural sociology, behavioural development economics, trade, demography, resources and environment – and many more.

### Funding Opportunities

As a student from a developing country with at least two years of professional experience you have the opportunity to apply for one of the places fully funded by the DAAD "EPOS" programme. Individual scholarships for this fully accredited programme are available from many funding sources.

### Programme website

Detailed information about the M.Sc. in Development Economics is available at:  
[www.wiwi.uni-goettingen.de/studying/developmenteconomics](http://www.wiwi.uni-goettingen.de/studying/developmenteconomics)

A degree in development economics will offer excellent career perspectives in a wide range of fields:

- ▶ Governments and aid agencies working on development issues;
- ▶ International organizations such as the World Bank, organizations of the UN system (e.g. ILO, FAO, UNIDO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, etc.), the OECD, EU, or regional development banks;
- ▶ Policy research institutions as well as national and international development policy think tanks;
- ▶ International business in multinational companies;
- ▶ Excellent Ph.D. opportunities in Göttingen or other national and international programmes.



### Double Degree

Students in the Master of Development Economics programme have the opportunity to acquire a second degree either from Stellenbosch University in South Africa (Master of Commerce in Economics) or from the University of Florence in Italy (Master of Economics and Development).

More information on the double degrees  
[www.uni-goettingen.de/ddd-stellenbosch](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/ddd-stellenbosch) and  
[www.uni-goettingen.de/ddd-florence](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/ddd-florence)