

Information for Students of the Double Degree Programme in Development Economics in Cooperation with Università degli Studi di Firenze (University of Florence), Italy Home University: University of Florence

I. Description of the double degree programme

The two-year English-language double degree master's programme in development economics is jointly offered by the University of Florence and the University of Göttingen. The programme is a partnership that offers students the opportunity to earn both a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Development Economics offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Göttingen; and a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics and Development offered by the School of Economics and Management of the University of Florence.

The programme is research-oriented, and combines the fields of applied development economics with a strong emphasis on quantitative methods with modules in international economics, international business and law. The programme is designed to prepare graduates to think analytically, and to equip them with cutting-edge research techniques, as well as in-depth knowledge of the driving forces behind economic development.

Degree summary

- The MSc in Economics and Development comprises advanced study in macro- and microeconomic theory, applied economics, and policy analysis. Moreover, special emphasis is placed on research methodology and econometric analysis. Within the curriculum participants get also acquainted with relevant aspects of international law and governance.
- The MSc in Development Economics is the only university-level master's programme in development economics in Germany. The University of Göttingen hosts Germany's largest internationally visible concentration of development economics researchers. The wide course offerings in the field of development economics (for which special attention is placed on quantitative methods) allow students to specialize in their specific area of interest.

Participants of the double degree programme complete two semesters at the University of Florence, and two semesters at the University of Göttingen.

Upon completion of the 120 ECTS (credit) programme, and having satisfied all the graduation requirements of both universities, participants will receive two separate and nationally recognised master's degree certificates: a Master of Science in Economic and Development, awarded by the University of Florence and a Master of Science in Development Economics, awarded by the University of Göttingen. Both certificates state that the degree is awarded within a joint programme and indicate that the respective certificates are valid only in conjunction with the other certificate. The double degree programme enables participating students to complete two degrees within four semesters (normally requiring four years).

II. Curriculum for students from the University of Florence

The double degree programme begins in the winter semester every year.

Semester 1 and 2

In the first semester (winter semester), participants commence their studies in Florence and continue their second semester in Florence where they complete mandatory and elective courses for the MSc in Economics and Development. At the end of their second semester, students travel to Göttingen and enrol there as well for their third and fourth semester. Students with home university Florence have to be enrolled at the University of Florence for the whole duration of the programme (four semesters).

Semesters 3 and 4

From October to August, participants spend two semesters in Göttingen, and complete the course requirements for the M.Sc. Development Economics and write their master's thesis under the regulations of the University of Göttingen. The master's thesis comprises 30 ECTS and will be written under the supervision of professors from the University of Göttingen. The thesis will apply towards both degrees as part of the double degree programme. The courses and the master's thesis will be fully recognized as the study abroad component for the M.Sc. in Economics and Development.

Programme structure

- 1. Participants have to spend the first two semesters of the first year (academic year: September-July/August) at the University of Florence.**

During the first two semesters at the University of Florence students have to pass courses in the scope of 60 Credits according to the following regulations:

a. Mandatory courses (27 C):

B016433	Development Microeconomics	9 C
B016434	Development Macroeconomics	9 C
B016441	Statistical Inference	9 C

b. Mandatory course in Quantitative Economics (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

B016458	Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis	6 C
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B020849	Measurement and Causes of Poverty	6 C
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c. Mandatory course in Selected Topics (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

B020853	Labour Economics	6 C
B016505	Agriculture Development and Poverty	6 C
B016512	Environment and Development	6 C
B016456	Microeconometrics	6 C
B016470	Local and Industrial Development	6 C

d. Mandatory course in Law (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

B020836	Law and economics	6 C
B020837	International law	6 C

e. Mandatory course in Management and Business Studies (12 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

B019219	Corporate Governance, Firms' Financing and Financial Markets	12 C
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f. Mandatory seminar (3 C)

XXX	Joint-Seminar Florence - Göttingen	3 C
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2. Participants spend the third and fourth semester at the University of Göttingen academic year: October – July/August).

During this period participants have to pass 60 Credits according to the regulations of the master's programme in Development Economics of the University of Göttingen scheduled in the paragraphs below. 60 C will be recognized for the master's programme in Economics and Development within the framework of the double degree programme by the University of Florence.

a. Mandatory Course in Development Economics (6 C)

M.SIA.E11	Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Food Security	6 C
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b. Mandatory courses in selected topics (12 C)

Choose one of the following courses from two different tables:

M.WIWI-VWL.0122	Behavioural development economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0086	Macroeconomics of Open Economies	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0155	International Trade and the Labour Market	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0117	Growth, Resources, and the Environment	6 C

M.WIWI-VWL.0019	Advanced Development Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0144	Migration Economics: Replication course	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0083	Economic reform and social justice in India	6 C

M.WIWI- VWL.0096	Essential of Global Health	6 C
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c. Mandatory courses in International Economics (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

M.WIWI- VWL.0040	Empirical Trade Issues	6 C
M.WIWI- VWL.0092	International Trade	6 C
M.WIWI- VWL.0095	International Political Economy	6 C
M.SIA.E.19	Market Integration and Price Transmission I	6 C
M.WIWI- VWL.0162	Firms in International Trade	6 C

d. Mandatory Seminar (6 C)

Choose one of the following modules:

M.WIWI-VWL.0025	Seminar Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0024	Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21st Century: 'Challenges of Economic Development in Latin America'
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, 6 C
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.xxx	Seminar: Empirical Applications of Game Theory, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0132	Seminar: New Development in International Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0024	Seminar: Financial Liberalization, Financial Development and Economic Growth, 6 C
M.WiWi-VWL.0167	Seminar: Topics in International Trade, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0123	Seminar: Recent Topics in Macroeconomics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.xxxx	Seminar: Financial Markets and the Macroeconomy, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0161	Seminar: Empirical Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0025	Seminar: Development Economics IV, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0132	New Developments in International Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0063	Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0123	Recent Topics in Macroeconomics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0137	Seminar: Games in Economic Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0029	Seminar in Operations Research, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0143	Seminar: Mind, Society and Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0023	Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21 st century: Trade related and Macroeconomic Issues for Latin American Policy Making, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0130	Seminar Gender Differences in Labor Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0046	Seminar in European and Global Trade, 6 C
M.SIA.E20	Agricultural Policy Seminar, 6 C

e. Master's Thesis (30 Credits)

The master's thesis will be written in the fourth semester according to the regulations of the University of Göttingen. The master's thesis will be recognized for the master's programme in Economics and Development at the University of Florence.

Information on the course offerings at the University of Göttingen:

Course catalogue für master's programmes offered at the Faculty of Business and Economics as well as study and examination regulations for the master's programme in Development Economics:
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/204431.html>

Online course catalogue:

<http://univz.uni-goettingen.de>

Overview of courses in English from the Faculty of Business and Economics for every semester:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/englischsprachige-module-/33399.html>

List of seminars in economics (both in English and German) offered each semester:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/seminare-im-bereich-volks-wirtschaftslehre/190784.html>

Information on the double degree programme can also be found online at:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/422060.html>

III. Organizational Information

Enrolment

Students will be enrolled at the University of Göttingen for their third and fourth semester and will stay enrolled the University of Florence for the entire duration of the four semester-long programme. For questions on the enrolment process in Göttingen, please contact Ms Simin Wahdat (international.study@uni-goettingen.de).

Semester fees

During the semesters at the University of Göttingen, students must pay the regular semester fees of the University of Göttingen: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/40054.html>

Cost of living in Göttingen

As Göttingen is a typical student town, the price level is comparatively low. The Göttingen Student's Association, called "Studentenwerk", provides a good and affordable basic infrastructure with numerous dormitories, cafeterias and dining facilities. Many of the cultural and sports facilities and public transport services also give student discounts and the "Semesterticket" allows further savings. To cover the cost of living in Göttingen, you currently need at least 750 Euro a month.

Guide for International Students

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/downloads/FlippingBook/IntStudGuide2017EN/HTML/index.html#1>

General Information for International Students at the University of Göttingen

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/students/574687.html>

Information for Incoming International Students at the Faculty of Business and Economics

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/427866.html>

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