

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 Göttingen

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 M.Sc. 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 M.Sc. 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 Göttingen, and two semesters at the University of Florence.

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 Göttingen

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 Göttingen and continue their second semester in Göttingen where they complete mandatory and elective courses for the M.Sc. in Development Economics. At the end of their second semester, students travel to Florence and enrol there as well for their third and fourth semester. Students with home university Göttingen have to be enrolled at the University of Göttingen for the whole duration of the programme (four semesters). If the required courses (60 C) have not been completed by the end of the second semester, participants have the opportunity to return to Göttingen for a fifth semester, after completion of the required courses in Florence. Please note, in case you have to come back to Göttingen for a fifth semester, the defence of the master's thesis (which will be written in the fourth semester in Florence) will always be the last exam and for this occasion you have to return to Florence.

Semesters 3 and 4

From September to June, participants spend two semesters in Florence, and complete the course requirements for the M.Sc. Economics and Development, participate in a Joint Seminar and write their master's thesis under the regulations of the University of Florence. The master's thesis comprises 21 ECTS and will be written under the supervision of professors from the University of Florence. The examination requirements for the thesis will be applied from the University of Florence including a thesis defence at the very end of the double degree programme. 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 MSc in Development Economics.

Program structure

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

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

a. Mandatory courses (18 C):

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

b. Choose one of the following mandatory modules (6 C):

M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0005	Econometrics II, 6 C

c. Quantitative Economics (6 C)

Choose one of the following modules:

M.WIWI-VWL.0010	Development Economics III, Regional Perspectives in Development Economies, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0147	Empirical Political Economy, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0138	Quasi-Experiments in Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0021	Gender and development , 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0148	Field Experiments in Development Economics
M.WIWI-VWL.0150	Advanced Game Theory, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0042	European Economy, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0141	Internet Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0069	Urban Economics , 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0007	Institutional Economics II: Research in Experimental Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0001	Advanced Microeconomics, 6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0153	Advanced Labour Economics, 6 C

d. Mandatory course in Quantitative Economics (6 C)

M.WIWI-VWL.0099	Poverty & Inequality, 6 C
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e. 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.0112	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.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

f. Statistics (6 C)

Choose one of the following modules if not selected in 1b or c:

M.WIWI-VWL.0138	Quasi-Experiments in Development Economics, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0005	Econometrics II, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0010	Multivariate Verfahren, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0009	Introduction to Time Series Analysis, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0012	Multivariate Time Series Analysis, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0016	Spatial Statistics, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0022	Selected Topics in Quantitative Methods Development Econometrics, 6 C
	Financial Econometrics
	Panel Data Econometrics
M.WIWI-QMW.0013	Applied Econometrics, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0025	Development Microeconometrics, 6 C

M.WIWI-QMW.0034	Python for Econometrics, 6 C
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g. Mandatory courses in Management and Business Studies (12 C)

Students have to pass courses in the scope of 12 C in the area of Management and Business Studies (Module classification: M.WIWI-BWL.XXXX).

M.WIWI-BWL.0004:	Financial Risk Management 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0018	Analysis of IFRS Financial Statements, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0020	Risk Management and Solvency, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0112	Corporate Development, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0122	Cross Cultural Management, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0133	Banking Supervision, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0137	Electronic Commerce Systems, 6 C
	Doing Business in Japan, 3 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0147	Doing Business in Korea, 3 C
	Doing Business in India, 3 C
	International Human Resource Management 6C
M.Agr.0156	Microfinance for the Rural Poor: A Business Class 6C
M.SIA.E17M	Management and management accounting 6C

2. Participants spend the first and second semester of the second year (academic year: September-July/August) at the University of Florence

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

a. Mandatory course in Law (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses:

	Economic Law	6 C
B020837	International law	6 C

b. Mandatory course in International Economics (6 C):

Choose one of the following courses:

B026829	International Trade	6 C
B016437	International and Financial Economics	6 C

c. Mandatory course in Economics (12 C):

Choose two of the following courses:

B020847	Health and Education Economics	6 C
B016453	Economics of Innovation	6 C
B016454	Human Development and International Cooperation	6 C

d. 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

e. Electives (6 C)

Choose one of the following courses (if not already selected):

B016453	Economics of Innovation	6 C
B016454	Human Development and International Cooperation	6 C
B020847	Health and Education Economics	6 C
B020849	Measurement and Causes of Poverty	6 C
B016458	Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis	6 C
B019129	Agricultural and Environmental Policy Evaluation Laboratory	6 C
B020842	Econometrics Laboratory	6 C
B025677	Statistical Data Elaboration Laboratory	6 C
	International Trade	6 C
B016437	International and Financial Economics	6 C
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
B020843	Economics Laboratory	6 C

B020841	Macroeconometrics	6 C
B026834	Microeconomics 2	6 C
B026835	Macroeconomics 2	6 C
B026401	Behavioural Economics	6 C
B028630	Computational Economics	6 C
B026836	Public Economics	6 C
B019185	Computational Finance	6 C
B028011	Sustainable tourism for local system development	6 C
	Mathematics Laboratory	6 C

f. Mandatory seminar (3 Credits)

XXX	Joint-Seminar Florence - Göttingen	3 C
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g. Master Thesis (21 Credits)

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

Information on the course offerings at the University of Göttingen:

Course catalogue for 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>

Course descriptions for the MSc in Economic and Development courses offered at the University of Florence:

<https://www.economia.unifi.it/vp-49-lauree-magistrali.html>

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

University of Göttingen website:

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

University of Florence website:

<https://www.development-lm.unifi.it/lis-15-double-degree.html>

University of Florence – School of Economics and Management

<https://www.economia.unifi.it/changelang-eng.html>

III. Organizational Information

Enrolment

Students will be enrolled at both the University of Göttingen and the University of Florence for the entire duration of the four semester-long programme. Information on enrolment at the University of Göttingen is included in the admission letter. 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; while during the time at the University of Florence, students will be exempt from paying regular fees in Göttingen. Instead, a special reduced fee is applied, amounting to approx. 75€ per semester. Additionally, students are not required to pay regular tuition to Florence, students are required to pay only administrative fees.

University of Florence - Information for Incoming Students

<https://www.economia.unifi.it/vp-227-incoming-students.html>.

Living Expenses in Florence

Accommodation: from 350 Euro to 500 Euro per month

Food: 100/150 Euro per month

Public Transport: 23 Euro monthly or 185 Euro yearly

Total approx. 600-900 Euro

Health insurance

A trip abroad requires international health insurance. One carrier with affordable rates is ADAC.

http://www.adac.de/produkte/versicherungen/auslandskrankenschutzversicherung/auslandskrankenschutz_langzeit/default.aspx?ComponentId=752&SourcePageId=570

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