

International and Development Economics (MIDE)



Master's Programme

Eligibility Requirements and Admission

- Bachelor of Arts/Science or successfully completed first academic degree in Economics, Business Administration or Social Science with Economics, equivalent to a 3,5 year German Bachelor degree (210 ECTS)
- Proof of English language proficiency

Standard Period of Study

- three semesters
- the study starts every summer semester

Qualification

Master of Arts

Credit points to obtain

90 Credit points

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The Master's programme

The Master's in International and Development Economics (MIDE) is an 18 month full-time programme at the University of Applied Sciences (HTW) Berlin. It has been running since 2003, and starts at the beginning of April each year. MIDE is designed for students from developing countries, from Europe and other developed countries who have a special interest in the economic challenges facing developing and transition countries. The programme consists of two semesters of courses with lectures/seminars of around 20 hours per week, and a third semester in which students are principally involved in writing a thesis. Teaching is entirely in English.

MIDE provides students with a critical understanding of current theoretical and policy debates in

- development economics,
- international economics and
- macroeconomics.

It also offers a wide range of optional courses on policy and management issues in key economic sectors, including agriculture, financial institutions and public enterprises.

Students are expected to have acquired a basic academic knowledge of economics in their undergraduate studies.

Career Goal: International Economics

MIDE graduates are ideally equipped to work in development co-operation or international political and economic institutions. Providing students with a comprehensive understanding of current debates in international and development economics it covers a number of questions including:

- What does 'globalization' really amount to? Does it benefit developing countries, or rather lead to widening differences between rich and poor?
- Should developing countries provide unfettered access to international trade and capital flows?
- What are the lessons for developing countries of the 'Asian Miracle'? or... Argentina's financial crisis?
- What specific policies are required to promote key sectors, such as agriculture and finance?
- Do poverty-reduction strategies, as advocated by the World Bank, help the poor or contribute to their problems, as some critics allege?

The broad variety of topics provided by this course of study, ranging from „Agricultural Economics in LDCs“ to „Project Planning and Evaluation“, turns out experts with a well-rounded education. By combining theoretical expertise with practical knowledge, MIDE produces graduates capable of analysing current challenges of development in a globalized world and developing approaches to their solution.

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Overview of study plan

				1st Semester		2nd Semester		3rd Semester	
Module Master		Type	Form	SWS	LP	SWS	LP	SWS	LP
Economics				14	15	8	10		
M1	Development Studies I				5				
- M1U1	Development Economics	P	SU	4					
- M1U2	Research Colloquium I	P	SU	2					
M2	International Economics	P	SU	4	5				
M3	Macroeconomics of LDCs	P	SU	4	5				
M4	Development Studies II					4	5		
- M4U1	Applied Development Studies	P	SU			2			
- M4U2	Research Colloquium II	P	SU			2			
M5	Public finance in LDCs	P	SU			4	5		
Sector Studies³ (Mandatory/[Offered])				4	10	6	15	2	5
				[10]		[12]		[10]	
M6	Central Banking in LDCs		SU			2	5		
M7	Financial System Development in LDCs	WP ¹	SU			2	5		
M8	State-Owned Enterprises/ Privatisation	WP ¹	SU			2	5		
M9	Environmental and Resource Economics	WP ¹	SU			2	5		
M10	Regional Integration	WP ¹	SU			2	5		
M11	Regional Policies in LDCs ⁵	WP ¹	SU	2 ⁵	5			2 ⁵	5
M12	Agricultural Economics in LDCs ⁵	WP ¹	SU	2 ⁵	5			2 ⁵	5
M13	Social Security Systems ⁵	WP ¹	SU	2 ⁵	5			2 ⁵	5
M14	Social and Political Context of Economic Development ⁵	WP ¹	SU	2 ⁵	5			2 ⁵	5
M15	Development Cooperation ⁵	WP ¹	SU	2 ⁵	5			2 ⁵	5
M16	Practical Aspects of Development Management	WP ¹	SU			2	5		

¹ Students are required to complete 30 credits from the options in Modules M6 to M16 (out of a total of 50 Credits or 22 SWS).

² Students are required to take either M17 or M20. Students who chose both M17 and M20 are only required to complete 25 credits in the options listed in "Sector Studies".

³ A course entitled 'Topical Issues in Development' and a course entitled 'Topical Issues of International Economics' may be offered in place of one the courses listed in M6 to M16.

⁴ This course may be substituted by one of the HTW's AWE (optional general) courses (excluding languages). Students who do not speak German at all, may take German as a Foreign Language, Level A1.

⁵ These courses, which are normally offered in the summer semester, may be taken in the first or third semester. Students are required to complete 10 credits (4 SWS) in the first semester, and 5 credits in the third semester.

⁶ May be offered in either the summer or the winter semester.

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Ü Exercise
P Compulsory module
WP Compulsory optional module
SWS Weekly study hours
LP Credits (ECTS - European Credit Transfer System)

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Methodology (Mandatory/[Offered])						4 [8]	5		
M20	Quantitative Methods of Economics	WP ²	SU			4	5		
M17	Project Planning & Evaluation	WP ²	SU			4	5		
M18	Humanities Programme (Mandatory/[Offered])			3 [3]	5				
M18U1	European History and Culture ⁴	WP	SU	2					
M18U2	Writing Academic Papers & Reports	P	SU	1 ⁶					
M19	Thesis (Mandatory/[Offered])							2 [4]	25
M19U1	Project Seminar / Thesis Preparation	P	Ü					2	4
M19U2	Thesis	P							21
Classes Offered 59 SWS:				27		28		4	
Mandatory SWS/ECTS for Students				21	30	18	30	4	30
				43 SWS			90 credits		

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Degree

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- Applicants with a degree from **Europe**: at least 60 ECTS in Economics and Business Administration, thereof at least 15 ECTS in Economics
- **International** Applicants: at least 12 Economics and Business Administration classes, thereof at least 3 classes in Economics (these must be equivalent to the above mentioned ECTS; the admission committee will decide on the equivalence)
- Applicants with a first academic degree equivalent to 180 ECTS (3 years Bachelor degree) must have one year of professional experience or gain an additional 30 ECTS during the studies at HTW (which would prolong studies by one semester)
- Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL paper-based: 580 points; computer-based: 237 points; internetbased: 96 points; IELTS grade 7.0, additional comparable certificates as listed on the webpage of the programme)

Required Documents

- a complete MIDE application form (see <http://mide.htw-berlin.de>)
- a letter of motivation
- officially certified copies of your university degree(s) and grade transcripts, translated into either German or English
- explanation of the grading system at the previous university, if not part of the transcript
- two letters of recommendation, thereof at least one academic reference
- a curriculum vitae (résumé)
- a passport copy
- proof of English language proficiency
- two passport photos
- a two page summary of the undergraduate/post-graduate thesis
- DAAD application form and proof of 2 years of professional experience if you wish to apply for the DAAD scholarship and come from a developing country.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the programme is based on the following criteria:

1. Average grade (35%)
2. Number of Economics subjects taken (25%)
3. Letter of motivation (30%)
4. Letters of Reference (10%)

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Scholarships

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) grants a limited number of scholarships covering living expenses (service fees will be waived).

To be eligible to apply for the DAAD scholarship, applicants must:

- be from a developing or transition country **and**
- have two or more years of professional experience

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the DAAD application form (Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships) that is downloadable from <http://mide.htwberlin.de>.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please indicate this in your application form for the MIDE programme. Please send the MIDE application form, the supporting documents as well as the DAAD application form to the university (until 30 September) or to the DAAD via the German embassy in your home country (until 31 July).

Applicants for a scholarship will be selected by the DAAD in co-operation with the HTW Berlin.

Costs

Service fee

The service fee for the 18-month programme amounts to 2,000 €, payable in two instalments.

Semester Fee

In addition to the service fee, students must pay a semester fee. The semester fee must be paid before the start of each of the three semesters of the programme. The semester fee covers a ticket providing free travel on all public transport in Berlin as well as an administration fee and a contribution to both the Studentenwerk and ASTA (student union). Please see the university webpage for further information regarding this fee.

Living expenses

In addition to the service fee, students require approximately 650-850 € per month to cover living expenses.

- Accommodation: 180,00 € - 280,00 €
- Food: 200,00 € - 300,00 €
- Compulsory Health insurance: 78,00 €
- Cultural events: 100,00 €
- Public transport: included in Semester Fee

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