



# International and Development Economics (MIDE) Master

## Brief Overview

<b>Degree</b>	Master of Arts
<b>Duration</b>	3 Semester
<b>Start</b>	Summer Semester (1. April)
<b>Teaching language</b>	English
<b>Location</b>	Treskowallee Campus
<b>Eligibility Requirements and Admission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Arts/Science or successfully completed first academic degree</li><li>• Proof of English language proficiency</li></ul>
<b>Credit points to obtain</b>	90
<b>Application Deadline</b>	31 August with DAAD scholarship application 30 September for the programme only (scholarship applications will not be accepted past the deadline of 31 August)

*Over the course of 18 months, the Master's degree in International and Development Economics (MIDE) at HTW Berlin prepares students for the responsible and demanding work involved in the context of development. Students gain an in-depth working understanding of the economic and political global context in which developing countries are integrated. The profound theoretical and methodological training provided equips MIDE graduates with a thorough understanding of the socio-economic methods and theories necessary to address urgent problems in development countries. The wide range of optional courses allows students to shape their professional profile according to their preferences. By combining theoretical knowledge with practical expertise, graduates are capable of analysing the current challenges of development and formulating actionable strategies for meeting them.*



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## Overview of study plan



The program takes place over three semesters, which includes a six month period for the writing and defending of the master's thesis. A total of 19 course modules are made available to students. Successful completion of the program requires that students complete all 7 of the compulsory modules and at least 5 elective modules and 2 supplementary modules.

### List of abbreviations

#### Type of Module:

C: Compulsory Module, EL: Elective Module

#### Form of teaching

SU: Seminar-based teaching/lectures, Ü: Exercise

WSH: Weekly Study hours, Cr: Credits (ECTS)

<b>1st Semester</b>		<b>Type</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>Cr</b>
M1	Microeconomics and Development	C	SU	4	5
M2	Macroeconomics and Development	C	SU	4	5
M3	International Economics for the 21st Century	C	SU	4	5
M4	Theories of Development	C	SU	4	5
M5	Supplementary Module 1 (AWE)	EM	Ü	2	5
M6	Supplementary Module 2 (AWE)	EM	Ü	2	5
<b>Sum</b>				<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>2nd Semester</b>		<b>Type</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>Cr</b>
M7	Development Policies and Research Colloquium	C	SU	4	5
M8	Public Finance for Development	C	SU	4	5
M9	Elective Module 1	EM	Ü	2	5
M10	Elective Module 2	EM	Ü	2	5
M11	Elective Module 3	EM	Ü	2	5
M12	Elective Module 4	EM	Ü	2	5
<b>Sum</b>				<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>3rd Semester</b>		<b>Type</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>Cr</b>
M13	Elective Module 5	EM	Ü	2	5
M14	Master's Thesis	C			20
M15	Final Oral Examination	C		2	5
M15.1	Master's Thesis Seminar				
<b>Sum</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Sum</b>					<b>30</b>

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## Overview Elective Modules



Elective Modules M9 to M12 are to be completed during the second semester. **Six modules** from W5 to W15 are regularly offered **during the second semester**.

Elective module M13 is to be completed during the third semester. **Two modules** from W5 to W15 are regularly offered **during the third semester**.

Modules W16 to W27 can only be completed at other universities.

W5 Social Protection in Low- and Middle Income Countries

W6 Topical Issues of International and Development Economics

W7 Central Banking

W8 Financial Systems Development

W9 Regional Integration

W10 The State in Business

W11 Environmental and Resource Economics

W12 Development Cooperation

W13 Econometrics

W14 Advanced Applied Research Methods

W15 Current Issues in Global Development

W16 Development Cooperation in Practice

W17 Institutions and Development

W18 History of Economic Thought

W19 Regional Economic Development in Perspective

W20 National Economic Development in Historical Perspective

W21 Sector Strategies and Development

W22 Current Challenges for National and Regional Development

W23 The National Economy in the Global Context

W24 Advanced Business Topics

W25 Foundations of European Economic Policies

W26 European Macroeconomic Policies

W27 European Microeconomic Policies

# Master's Programme International and Development Economics Eligibility Requirements and Admission (Extract)

## Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for the consecutive (English language) Master's programme International and Development Economics are as follows:

- applicants need to have obtained a first university degree with 180 ECTS (or equivalent). Applicants should have taken at least 15 ECTS in Economics (3 modules in Economics for applicants from abroad) and
- evidence of very good knowledge of English (accepted certificates are listed on the webpage of the programme). Applicants from English-speaking OECD countries are not required to submit further evidence of language skills. The selection committee may also waive the evidence of language skills requirement at its discretion for applicants who can prove that they have completed at least one year of English-language studies at a foreign university.

If the degree is equivalent to a three-year German Bachelor's degree with 180 ECTS, applicants are required to either provide at least 6 months of professional employment or training since graduation or obtain 30 ECTS while studying MIDE. This would prolong the degree by approx. one semester.

Applicants with an undergraduate degree equivalent to 210 ECTS (3.5 or more years of undergraduate studies in Germany) can get an unconditional admission.

To determine whether a degree qualifies, please contact [mide@htw-berlin.de](mailto:mide@htw-berlin.de). Scans of all academic transcripts (official list of courses attended and grades obtained), either in English or German, must be attached to the inquiry.

## Required Documents

Attached to the **MIDE application form**, you must submit an electronic version of

- a letter of motivation (max. two pages long), dated and personally signed by you
- transcript of records (including CGPA) and degree certificate(s) (official translations into English or German must be provided)
- an explanation of the grading system at your previous university (which is usually already part your transcript and/or the Diploma Supplement). Should this not be the case, please provide a short explanation prepared by you that contains information on the highest possible grade as well as the minimum passing grade.
- copy of Secondary School Certificate that includes the date of graduation from Secondary School
- Curriculum vitae (résumé) in the EuroPass format, dated and personally signed by you
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of your English language proficiency
- For applicants who do not apply for the DAAD scholarship, if available and applicable: confirmation of at least 6 months of full-time professional employment since graduation if undergraduate degree is equivalent to 180 ECTS. This confirmation must come on official letterhead, be dated, stamped and signed. Contracts and Offers of employment cannot be accepted.

## Admission Criteria

Admission to the programme is based on the following criteria:

Average grade (40%)  
Number of Economics subjects taken (25%)  
Letter of motivation (35%)

Please note that this programme has a service fee additionally to the semester fee. The service fee for the 18-month programme is € 2,500.

## Scholarships

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers a limited number of scholarships to highly qualified applicants. The necessary application documents for the scholarship for an EPOS study program (a development-oriented postgraduate study scholarship program) can be found on the DAADs website.

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>.

Applicants for a scholarship will be selected by the DAAD in cooperation with the HTW Berlin.

## Costs

### Service fee

The service fee for the 18-month programme is € 2,500, and must be paid in a lump sum until 01 December of the year before you commence your studies. Payment in instalments is not possible.

### Semester fee

In addition to the service fee for the programme, students are also subject to a semester fee of around €320 (subject to change). This fee must be paid prior to the start of each semester. The semester fee covers a ticket providing free travel on all public transport in Berlin, an administrative fee and contributions to ASTA (the student union) and the Studentenwerk (the organisation that runs student cafeterias and residence halls throughout Berlin). Please see the university website for further information regarding this fee.

### Living expenses

In addition to the service fee, students require approximately € 700-1.100 per month to cover living expenses.

- Accommodation: € 300-600
- Food: € 200-300
- Compulsory health insurance: € 105
- Cultural events: € 100
- Public transport: included in semester fee.