

These degree programme and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available at the Examinations Office is the version that is legally binding.

Note: Students who started their studies before the latest amendment came into effect are requested to comply with previous amendments and the respective transitory provisions.

**Degree Programme and Examination Regulations for the
Master's Degree Programme in
Development Economics and International Studies at the
Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology of
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)
– FPODEIS –
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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG), FAU enacts the following examination regulations:

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Section 1 Scope

The degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated consecutive Master's degree programme in Development Economics and International Studies leading to the degree Master of Arts (MA) supplement the valid version of the General Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Theology at FAU – **ABMStPO/Phil** –.

Section 2 Qualification for a Master's Degree, Certificates and Admission Requirements

(1) ¹A subject-specific degree within the meaning of Section 35 (1)(1) **ABMStPO/Phil** is a Bachelor's degree in business and economics with economics accounting for at least 70 ECTS credits, including at least fundamental knowledge in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and statistics/econometrics. ²Degrees shall be recognised as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 35 (1)(1) in conjunction with paragraph (2) **ABMStPO/Phil** provided the degree programme covered topics relating to business and economics accounting for at least 50 ECTS credits, including at least fundamental knowledge in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics and statistics/econometrics.

(2) ¹The application documents shall contain proof of English language proficiency of at least level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. ²Evidence of language proficiency pursuant to (1) can be provided by a certificate for passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the test of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) at level C1 or higher or by providing equivalent proof (please refer to the table of equivalence published by the FAU Language Centre).

(3) ¹Applicants whose subject-specific or subject-related degree, or, in the case of Section 35 (4) **ABMStPO/Phil**, an average of their achievements hitherto, does not average 2.50 (good) or better shall receive a rejection notification stating reasons for the decision.

Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations, Teaching and Examination Language

(1) Scope and structure of the Master's degree programme in Development Economics and International Studies as well as scope, type and weighting factor of the examinations shall be set forth in the **Appendix**.

(2) Teaching units and examinations are held in English.

Section 4 Master's Thesis

Section 32 (6) **ABMStPO/Phil** notwithstanding, the Master's thesis must be written in English.

Section 5 Regional Modules

(1) In the compulsory elective 'Regional Modules', students gain a more in-depth knowledge of economics with reference to a specific region.

(2) ¹In the regional specialisation modules, students broaden their subject-specific and methodological skills in development economics by using theories and empirical concepts they have learnt to analyse the economic situation and developments in a specific region. ²They improve their ability to carry out independent academic work and increase their expert knowledge on aspects of development economics in the chosen region.

(3) ¹The type and scope of the examination are dependent on the skills for the chosen module according to (2) and the module handbook. ²Examination achievements can

be either a written examination (60 min.) or a presentation (45–60 min., 33 %) in combination with a written assignment (approx. 15 pages, 67 %). ³Examinations may take a different form from those stated above in individual semester modules offered by guest lecturers. ⁴The module handbook is published before the beginning of the seminar in accordance with local practice.

(4) ¹The modules which can be chosen generally consist of a lecture and a tutorial or a seminar accounting for 2 to 3 SWS and 5 ECTS credits each. ²The exact constellation depends on the specific manner in which the chosen module is taught. Please refer to the module handbook for details.

Section 6 Elective Modules

(1) ¹The elective modules offered by the Institute of Economics cover the advanced theory and practice of development economics or international studies. ²After consulting with a study advisor, students may also choose modules from other degree programmes at FAU relating to social sciences and economics as elective modules.

(2) Elective modules allow students to gain a broader range of more in-depth expertise in the theory and practice of development economics or international studies as well as their scientific methodology skills in particular regarding empirical applications.

(3) ¹The type and scope of the examination are dependent on the skills for the chosen module according to (2) and the module handbook. ²Examination achievements can be either a written examination (60 min.) or a presentation (45–60 min, 33 %) in combination with a written assignment (approx. 15 pages, 67 %). ³Examinations may take a different form from those stated above in individual semester modules offered by guest lecturers. ⁴The module handbook is published before the beginning of the seminar in accordance with local practice. ⁵For modules from other degree programmes within the meaning of (1) sentence 2, the type and scope of the examination are determined by the **degree programme and examination regulations**.

(4) ¹The modules which can be chosen generally consist of a lecture and a tutorial or a seminar accounting for 2 to 3 SWS and 5 ECTS credits each. ²The exact constellation depends on the specific manner in which the chosen module is taught. Please refer to the module handbook for details. ³For modules from other degree programmes within the meaning of (1) sentence 2, the type and scope of the examination are determined by the **degree programme and examination regulations**.

Section 7 Elective Complementary Modules

(1) ¹Within the scope of the elective complementary modules, students may choose modules offered at FAU dealing with international issues that relate to content covered in MA Development Economics and International Studies. ²Modules which have not yet been taken as a regional specialisation or elective module may be submitted as an elective complementary module. ³Students may also take language courses to improve their existing language skills. ⁴Up to 10 ECTS credits may be awarded for internships in business and economics completed whilst studying the degree programme.

(2) The objective is that students in the Master's degree programme gain a broader range of more in-depth expertise in important skills which are needed in their future careers according to their own interests (subject-specific and methodological skills in

development economy and neighbouring disciplines, language skills in preparation for working in the international environment, vocational experience).

(3) The type and scope of the examination and the form of the teaching units are dependent on the skills for the chosen module and are stipulated in (5) and (6), the respective **degree programme and examination regulations** and the module hand-book.

(4) Modules shall be chosen after consulting a study advisor.

Section 8 Legal Validity and Transitory Provisions

(1) These degree programme and examination regulations shall come into effect on the day after their publication.

(2) ¹The fourth amendment statute shall come into effect on the day after its publication.
²It shall apply to all students starting a degree programme from the winter semester 2018/2019 onwards.

Appendix: Study plan for the Master's Degree Programme in Development Economics and International Studies

Module title	Teaching unit	SWS (semester hours)				ECTS credits	Distribution of workload per semester in ECTS credits ¹				Type and scope of the examination/ Coursework achievement	Grade factor	
		L	T	E	C		1.	2.	3.	4.			
Compulsory modules (40 ECTS)													
Development economics I	Lecture	2				5	5				Written examination (60 min.)		
	Tutorial												
Development economics II	Lecture and tutorial or seminar	(2)	(1)		(2)	5		5			Presentation (45–60 min., 33 %) and written assignment (15 pages, 67 %) or written examination (60 min., 100 %) ²	1	
International economics I	Lecture										Written examination (60 min.)	1	
	Tutorial		1										
International economics II	Seminar				2						Presentation (45–60 min., 33 %) and written assignment (15 pages, 67 %)		
Research methods I	Lecture										Written examination (60 min.)	1	
	Tutorial		1										
Research methods II	Seminar				2						Presentation (45–60 min., 33 %) and written assignment (15 pages, 67 %)		
International business ethics I	Lecture										Written examination (60 min.)		
	Tutorial		1										
International business ethics II	Seminar				2	5			5		Presentation (45–60 min, 33%) and written assignment (15 pages, 67%)		
Regional specialisation pursuant to Section 5 (10 ECTS)													
Regional module I		see Section 5 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 5 (3)	1
Regional module II		see Section 5 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 5 (3)	1
Elective modules pursuant to Section 6 (20 ECTS)													
Elective module I		see Section 6 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 6 (3)	1
Elective module II		see Section 6 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 6 (3)	1
Elective module III		see Section 6 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 6 (3)	1
Elective module IV		see Section 6 (4)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 6 (3)	1
Elective complementary modules pursuant to Section 7 (20 ECTS)													
Elective complementary module I		see Section 7 (3)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 7 (3)	0
Elective complementary module II		see Section 7 (3)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 7 (3)	0
Elective complementary module III		see Section 7 (3)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 7 (3)	0
Elective complementary module IV		see Section 7 (3)				5	(5)	(5)	(5)			see Section 7 (3)	0
Master's thesis													
Master's thesis	Master's thesis					30				30	Master's thesis (50–70 pages)	1	
Total semester hours and ECTS credits		min. 8-22	min. 4-11	0	min. 6-20	120	30	30	30	30			

¹ The distribution shown is a recommendation.

² The type and scope of the examination depend on the specific manner in which the chosen module is taught in the respective semester and are stipulated in the module handbook.