

Information for MIDE applicants

General information on the programme

The Master's in International and Development Economics has been established for students who have a first degree in **economics/ business administration** or in other social sciences with a focus on economics. It is designed to enhance understanding of development economics, the international economic context in which socio-economic development takes place, and of key sectors and policy areas that are relevant for developing countries, with a particular focus on agriculture and financial institutions. In order to understand the challenges of formulating current development policies, the programme covers both the principal theoretical debates as well as specific contemporary examples of strategies, policies and projects.

Promoting a sustainable development in an unequal world

- What does 'globalisation' really amount to? Does it benefit developing countries, or lead to widening differences between rich and poor?
- Should developing countries completely open up their economies to international trade and capital flows?
- What are the lessons for development countries of the 'Asian Miracle'? ... the transition debacle in Russia? ... or Argentina's financial crisis?
- What specific policies are required to promote key sectors, such as agriculture, finance and public administration?
- Do poverty reduction strategies, as advocated by the World Bank, help the poor or contribute to their problems, as some critics allege?

These are some of the issues that will be covered in this Master's programme, which will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the current debates in international and development economics.

Duration / Dates	Duration: 3 Semesters (18 months) 01.04.2019 – 30.09.2020 Application Deadline: 30.09.2018
Language of instruction	English
Accreditation	ACQUIN, AQAS
Degree	Master of Arts
Admission requirements	Degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First degree in economics, business or social science with economics, equivalent to a 3 year German Bachelor degree* - 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)

- proof of English language proficiency

* Applicants with a degree from **Europe**: A total of 210 ECTS credit points or equivalent will be required. Applicants with only 180 ECTS credit points or equivalent will be eligible if they have completed at least one year's professional employment or training since graduating.

Applicants with a degree from other **foreign countries**: The degree must be **equivalent** to at least a 3 year German Bachelors degree (3 year Bachelor degrees from India, Pakistan, Cambodia, Nepal and Bhutan are not considered equivalent.) To find out whether your degree is equivalent, please contact mide@htw-berlin.de. Applicants must then have completed at least one year's professional employment or training since graduating. In this case, proof of professional employment must be submitted.

If the degree is equivalent to a 4 year German degree, professional employment or training is not an admission requirement.

Those applicants with 180 ECTS credits/a degree equivalent to a 3 year German university degree and no professional experience still qualify for the program, but only under the condition that the remaining 30 ECTS credits be obtained while at the University of Applied Sciences (in addition to the MIDE Program). This would prolong the duration of the programme by approx. one semester.

Language:

- TOEFL paper-based: at least 580 points; or
- TOEFL computer-based: at least 237 points; or
- TOEFL internet-based: at least 96 points; or
- IELTS: grade 7.0; or
- CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English), all levels; or
- CAE (Certificate in Advanced English), all levels; or
- BEC Higher (Business English Certificate); or
- TOEIC 800 points or higher, or
- All tests confirming that the level of proficiency in English complies with the level C 1 or C 2 of the Common European Framework of Reference.
- Native speakers only from the OECD-country members
- If English was the official language of instruction for your first degree, please supply official proof. TOEFL or IELTS are not required in this case.
- **Note: The Institutional TOEFL, FCE, BEC Preliminary and BEC Vantage will not be accepted.**

Application Procedure and Required Documents

To apply for MIDE, please complete the MIDE online application form (available online: www.mide.htw-berlin.de).

The following documents must be attached to the online application form:

- a letter of motivation (max. one page long)
- transcript of records and degree certificate (s) (official translations into English or German must be provided)
- an explanation of the grading system at your previous university
- two letters of recommendation, thereof at least one academic reference (Please use MIDE Recommendation Letter Template available online: www.mide.htw-berlin.de)
- a curriculum vitae (résumé)
- a copy of your passport
- proof of your English language proficiency (see below for details)
- a two page summary of your undergraduate/postgraduate thesis (only if you have been required to write a thesis during your previous studies; please refrain from sending substitute documents if you have not been required to write a thesis so far)
- 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.

In addition to the online application, you need to submit officially certified copies of your university degree(s) and grade transcripts till 15.10.2018! These are to be sent per post to the following address:

HTW Berlin
MIDE Admissions
Treskowallee 8
10318 Berlin
Germany

Please note: it is very important that these copies have their authenticity officially certified by an appropriate person or institution.

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 after graduation in a related field

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the DAAD application form (Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships) that is downloadable from [http://mide.htw-berlin.de/](http://mide.htw-berlin.de) and attach it together with the online application form.

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

As competition for the DAAD scholarship is rather intense, we do recommend applicants to also look into other options of funding, i.e. via <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/> or funding opportunities in their respective home countries.

<p>Costs</p>	<p>Service fee:</p> <p>The service fee for the 18-months programme is 2,000 €, payable in two instalments. The service fee will be waived for DAAD scholarship holders.</p> <p>Semester fee:</p> <p>In addition to the service fee there is a semester fee of approx. 307 € (subject to change). The semester fee must be paid before the start of each of the three semesters of the programme. The semester fee for the first semester is due together with the first instalment. This semester fee covers a ticket for travel on all public transport in Berlin, as well as an administrative fee, and contributions to both the Studentenwerk (the organisation which runs student cafeterias and halls of residence throughout Berlin) and ASTA (the student union).</p> <p>Living expenses:</p> <p>In addition to the service fee, approximately 900 € per month will be necessary to cover your living expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accommodation 400 € - 550 € ▪ Food 200 € - 300 € ▪ Compulsory Health Insurance 81 € ▪ Public Transportation Included in Semester Fee
<p>Course Programme</p>	<p>Compulsory Subjects</p> <p>Microeconomics and Development Macroeconomics and Development International Economics for the 21st Century Theories of Development Development Policies and Research Colloquium Public Finance for Development Master's Thesis Seminar</p> <p>Optional Subjects</p> <p>Norms, Institutions and Social Progress Germany's External Relations Research Methods in Social Sciences Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Social Protection in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Topical Issues of International and Development Economics Central Banking Financial Systems Development Regional Integration The State in Business Environmental and Resource Economics Development Cooperation Econometrics Advanced Applied Research Methods Current Issues in Global Development Development Cooperation in Practice Institutions and Development History of Economic Thought Regional Economic Development in Perspective National Economic Development in Historical Perspective Sector Strategies and Development Current Challenges for National and Regional Development The National Economy in the Global Context Advanced Business Topics</p>

Job Prospects

Here a selection of institutions, MIDE graduates are working at:

- Advantum Corporate Finance, Frankfurt, Germany
- Alles Group ONCOR, Mexiko
- AMRO Bank, China
- Apex America, Cordoba, Spain
- China Central Television Securities Channel, China
- National Coal Industry Import and Export Group Lianyungang, China
- DFID-World Bank Development Cooperation Project, Vietnam
- European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
- Google, China
- Hochtief, Essen, Germany
- International Project Consult GmbH (Frankfurt), Mozambique
- KfW Bankengruppe
- Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana
- SAP, Peru
- Siemens, Ryiad, Saudi Arabia
- State Joint Stock Company "Uzavtoyul", Uzbekistan
- UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland
- UNDP, Egypt
- UNDP, New York

Others are also in PhD programmes worldwide.