

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 cooperation 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 „Germany'S External Relations“ to „Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation“, turns out experts with a well-rounded education. By combining theoretical expertise with practical knowledge, MIDE produces graduates capable of analyzing current challenges of development in a globalized world and developing approaches to their solution.

Overview of study plan

| | Module Master | Type | Form | SHW | ECTS | SHW | ECTS | SHW | ECTS |
|--------------|--|------|------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| M1 | Microeconomics and Development | M | L/S | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| M2 | Macroeconomics and Development | M | L/S | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| M3 | International Economics for the 21st Century | M | L/S | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| M4 | Theories for Development | M | L/S | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| M5 | Supplementary Module 1 ¹⁾ | EM | E | 2 | 5 | | | | |
| M6 | Supplementary Module 2 | EM | E | 2 | 5 | | | | |
| | Sum Credits 1st Semester | | | 16/4 | 30 | | | | |
| M7 | Development Policies and Research Colloquium | M | L/S | | | 4 | 5 | | |
| M8 | Public Finance for Development | M | L/S | | | 4 | 5 | | |
| M9 | Elective Module 1 ²⁾ | EM | E | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| M10 | Elective Module 2 | EM | E | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| M11 | Elective Module 3 | EM | E | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| M12 | Elective Module 4 | EM | E | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| | Sum Credits 2nd Semester | | | | | 8/8 | 30 | | |
| M13 | Elective Module 5 ³⁾ | EM | E | | | | | 2 | 5 |
| M14 | Master's Thesis | M | L/S | | | | | | 20 |
| M15 | Final Oral Examination | M | E | | | | | | |
| M15.1 | Master's Thesis Seminar | | PS | | | | | 2 | 5 |
| | Sum Credits 3rd Semester | | | | | | | 0/4 | 30 |
| | Total Sum Credits | | | | | | | 24/16 | 90 |

¹⁾ Supplementary modules M5 and M6 are to be completed in the first semester. Students can choose from the four modules W1 to W4.

²⁾ 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. Modules W16 to W24 can only be completed at other universities.

³⁾ 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 W24 can only be completed at other universities.

Legend:

Form of Lecture:

E: Exercise

L/S: Lecture/Seminar

PS: Project Seminar

PCE: Computer Exercise

Type of Module:

M: Mandatory

EM: Elective Module

AWE: General Optional Course

EV: Recommended Prerequisites

ECTS: European Credit Transfer System

NSt: Module Units

NV: Necessary Prerequisites

SHW: Seminar Hours per Week

Overview of elective modules

| | Module Description | Form | SHW | ECTS | NSt | NV | EV |
|-----------------|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| W1 (AWE) | Norms, Institutions and Social Progress | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W2 (AWE) | Germany's External Relations | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W3 (AWE) | Research Methods in Social Sciences | PCE | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W4 (AWE) | Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |

| | Module Description | Form | SHW | ECTS | NSt | NV | EV |
|------------|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| W5 | Social Protection in Low- and Middle-Income Countries | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W6 | Topical Issues of International and Development Economics | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W7 | Central Banking | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W8 | Financial Systems Development | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W9 | Regional Integration | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W10 | The State in Business | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W11 | Environmental and Resource Economics | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W12 | Development Cooperation | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W13 | Econometrics | PCE | 4 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W14 | Advanced Applied Research Methods | PCE | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W15 | Current Issues in Global Development | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W16 | Development Cooperation in Practice | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W17 | Institutions and Development | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W18 | History of Economic Thought | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W19 | Regional Economic Development in Perspective | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W20 | Regional Economic Development in Historical Perspective | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W21 | Sector Strategies and Development | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W22 | Current Challenges for National and Regional Development | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W23 | The National Economy in the Global Context | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |
| W24 | Advanced Business Topics | E | 2 | 5 | 2a | - | - |

Eligibility Requirements and Admission (Extract)

Degree

- 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)
- 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; internet based: 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/postgraduate 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%)

Eligibility Requirements and Admission (Extract)

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.htw-berlin.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 cooperation 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 € - 280 €
- Food: 200 € - 300 €
- Compulsory Health insurance: 78 €
- Cultural events: 100 €
- Public transport: included in Semester Fee

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