

ENTER European Master in Economic Research

The EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR TRAINING IN ECONOMIC RESEARCH (ENTER) is a cooperative venture between eight leading European Economics Departments, located in Barcelona, Brussels, London, Madrid, Mannheim, Stockholm, Tilburg and Toulouse. Its aim is to foster (internationally competitive) research of high quality by broadening the base for competent supervision and intensive interaction towards research in economics. ENTER offers a joint master's program as well as a joint PhD-program in Economics.

Structure

The ENTER Research Master in Economics is a two-year program (120 ECTS credits) jointly organized by Madrid, Mannheim, Stockholm, and Toulouse. It allows students to acquire a joint degree from two of these universities, by studying one year at each university.

The ENTER Research Master relies on a common set of core courses in the first year. During the second year students acquire more specialized skills by taking field courses and produce a master's thesis. All courses are taught in English.

Participants in the ENTER master's program will spend their first year at their home university (i.e. the University of Mannheim) while the second year will be completed at one of our partner universities ("host university").

The first year of study is devoted to the foundation courses in mathematics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, and econometrics. Students are also encouraged to participate in research seminars, so that they become acquainted with the frontier of economic research.

During their first year in Mannheim they follow the master's curriculum here. They need to earn a minimum of 60 ECTS, otherwise they will not be eligible for the program.

Second year training is based on a combination of advanced field courses (in areas such as macroeconomics, microeconomics, game theory, or development, health, public and information economics) and a personal research project (the master thesis). The typical class size is 15 students.

In their second year students follow the master's curriculum at the host university. Registration, writing and supervision of the master's thesis also takes place at the host university. However, it is possible to have an additional supervisor from Mannheim.

After fulfilling all requirements from the joint master's program, students will be awarded degrees from both universities.

Partner Universities (Master's Program)

- [Universidad Carlos III de Madrid](#), Spain
- [Stockholms Universitet](#), Sweden
- [Université Toulouse 1](#), France

Application

Students enrolled in the master's program in economics can apply for the ENTER master's program after completing their first semester core courses at the University of Mannheim.

Please follow the [application instructions](#) for exchange programs in Europe provided by the International Office.

The application deadline is 31 January.

Selection

The selection for the ENTER program is twofold: A first selection is based on the application documents and is done by Prof. Ulrich Wagner, the ENTER Faculty Coordinator. We will then nominate the selected students at our partner universities. Please note that we may require additional documents for this step. The final decision is made by the partner university. Applicants will be contacted as soon as a decision is made.

Scholarship

ENTER participants can receive an Erasmus+ mobility grant during their stay at the partner university. All students who have completed the first year of their degree course and were chosen for the ENTER exchange program are eligible for funding. The grants for Erasmus+ mobilities are based on the differing subsistence costs in the receiving countries (program countries), with the grants ranging from 180 to 300 Euros per month. Please note: Erasmus+ is not a full-ride scholarship. Students have to make sure that the basic costs for their mobility period are covered. The Erasmus+ mobility grant does not include insurance coverage. Neither the University of Mannheim nor the European Commission are liable for damages caused by illness, death, accident or injury of a person and the loss or damage of belongings during the course of Erasmus+. Every scholarship holder is responsible for his or her own insurance coverage.

The mobility period lasts up to 12 months for students in a Master's program (depending on other mobility periods, e.g. Erasmus work placements, in the same study period).

For additional information about the Erasmus+ scholarship please contact the International Office.

Erasmus+ OSL language assessment

The OLS (Online Linguistic Support) language assessment is mandatory for all participants to Erasmus+ mobility programs with one of the following languages as the main language of instruction: German, English, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch (with the exception of native speakers).

Participants must complete the **first language assessment before the mobility** to assess their language competences. Based on their language proficiency, participants may have the opportunity to access the OLS learning platform to follow an online language course before and during their mobility period. At the **end of their mobility period**, participants will be requested to take a **second assessment** to assess the progress made.

Please find further information [here](#).

Administrative Issues

During their stay at the partner university, ENTER participants have to **re-register in Mannheim** (i.e. semester fees still have to be paid to the University of Mannheim). However, students do not have to re-register in the 5th semester if the only thing missing to complete their studies is the submission (and presentation) of their master's thesis.

Before leaving Mannheim a **Learning Agreement** has to be signed (please submit your Learning Agreement to your departmental exchange coordinator).

After completing their studies at the partner university students are requested to file an **experience report** with the International Office at the University of Mannheim.

Procedure at the Host University

During the second year all students are subject to the curriculum and all program regulations of their host university. The program regulations of the master's program in Mannheim do not apply.

Graduation

After fulfilling the program requirements of the first year in Mannheim and the second year at the host university, students receive a master's diploma from both universities.

The following steps are required in order to receive a diploma from the University of Mannheim:

- As soon as students have finished all chosen courses and the master's thesis at their host university, they should receive a transcript of records and a diploma from the host university. Sometimes the latter also directly send us the transcript but this does not occur always. The transcript/diploma is to contain the following information:

- Title, ECTS credits and grade for each course been taken
- Academic title, ECTS credits, grade and name of supervisor of a student's master's thesis (please send the names of up to two supervisors to econgrad@uni-mannheim.de so that it could be ensured that they are listed on the student's Mannheim certificate)
- With the transcript/diploma students have to request the recognition by the University of Mannheim of their credits received at the host institution. This request should be addressed to the examination board ("Prüfungsausschuss") of the Master in Economics at the University of Mannheim and should be mailed to students' exchange coordinator.
- For the recognition of credits a certification from the International Office regarding the submission of the student's experience report ("Erfahrungsbericht") about staying abroad is needed. Please send this certificate together with the request for recognition.
- Please note that the departmental exchange coordinator also needs to see the original transcript/diploma, consequently the originals should be either sent by post or if copies have been sent (e.g. by e-mail), a student should make an appointment with the exchange coordinator to show the originals.

The recognition of students' credits will be done as follows:

- Depending on the number of credits already received in Mannheim during the first year, usually 60-66 ECTS credits (including master's thesis) are recognized for the second year. Please note that the minimum sum of credits that is needed to receive diploma in Mannheim should total to 120 ECTS credits (the maximum is 126 ECTS credits) for both years.
- Student's grades from elective courses at the host institution are firstly converted into German grades. Then one average grade for all courses based on the converted grades is received. Detailed information about the system of foreign grade transfer at the University of Mannheim could be found in [ILIAS](#).
- Title, ECTS credits, grade and the supervisor of a student's master's thesis are to be listed separately.
- After that the Student Service Center (Studienbüro I) is notified by the exchange coordinator about the recognition. As soon as all data are entered, a student is able to receive the diploma and diploma supplement there. The diploma states the student's participation in a double degree program, name the host institution, and refers to the credits received there.

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Additional Resources

ENTER Network:

<http://www.enter-network.eu/>

Experience reports:

Please choose the desired partner university in the [category](#)
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