



Welcome to the Department of Economics at the University of Mannheim!

My name is Sebastian Herdtweck, I'm the *Departmental Exchange Coordinator* for the M.Sc. in Economics. Hereby I would like to kindly provide you with some information about the upcoming semester. For more information please visit our website for [incoming exchange students](#) and the website of the [International Office](#). Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions that come up!

General information

Academic calendar – spring 2023

Spring semester: 1 February – 31 July 2023

Lecture period: 13 February – 2 June 2023

Examination period: 3 – 17 June 2023

Welcome week

For all exchange students an orientation week will take place prior to the beginning of the lectures in order to welcome you at the University of Mannheim and make the start into student life as easy as possible. You can find detailed information on the activities of the welcome week [here](#).

myUniMA

All information on accommodation, health insurance, German language courses and much more can be found on the information portal [myUniMA](#). You will receive your login and password to access it after nomination by your home institution. If you have any questions regarding your stay in Mannheim, please check out myUniMA first as it will give you the answers to most of your questions.

RUM credentials

Upon enrolment you will receive your personal credentials for the university services such as [Portal²](#) (course and exam registration), [ILIAS](#) (online learning platform), and the university library.

Weather

The weather in the early months of the year is mostly unpredictable. From February to March you can expect everything from cold weather, rays of sunshine, snow and even summer-like temperatures. Spring kicks off around April, followed by high temperatures in May and June. Prepare for dry summer days and barbecue weather.

Mannheim at a glance

Mannheim has got excellent connections to cities in and outside Germany, such as Amsterdam, Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg, Munich, Paris, and Zurich. Next to its industrial charm, Mannheim has many green areas along its two rivers. It also offers a great variety of shopping, nightlife, restaurants, museums, and cafés. Plus: the palatinate area, a well-known wine region ideal for hiking, is at arm's length. You should check it out during the warm days of summer.

Course program M.Sc. in Economics

Types of courses in the M.Sc. in Economics

The following description will help you understand the differences between the types of courses offered at our department:

- **Lectures:** These are usually led by professors and provide students with background information about a subject in order to explain long-term developments and complex ideas or

theories. They usually provide a basic framework for further study.

- **Practical Exercises:** Led by professors' assistants, information from the lectures or respective literature is reviewed and systematic knowledge and skills are applied. Often the material from the lectures will be expanded upon and reviewed in depth.
- **(Block-)Seminars:** Students are encouraged to participate actively in the seminars through discussion and oral presentations. The goal is to provide students with an opportunity to gain experience on researching and presenting academic topics. Usually the students have to write an essay and present the results in class. Most seminars are organized as *block seminars* (intensive seminars). Aside from the organizational meeting class time is blocked on one or two days towards the end of the lecture period.

Course program spring 2023

The course catalog of the Department of Economics is published [here](#). Please check back regularly to obtain updated and detailed information about our current course program. Please also note the prerequisites mentioned in the course descriptions.

Course choice

As an incoming master student at the Department of Economics you can choose freely from our **elective courses** in the bachelor's and master's program as long as you fulfill the prerequisites for each course.

Exchange students can also freely choose among the **university-wide elective courses**. You can find the course catalog for incoming exchange students [here](#). If you want to attend courses offered by other departments, such as Business, Political Science, or Informatics, please contact Departmental Exchange Coordinator. Please read the course description carefully and contact the respective program management for further information if necessary.

For consultation about your course choice please contact the Departmental Exchange Coordinator. Please also make sure to let him sign your **Learning Agreement** before or during the first weeks of the semester.

Course registration

You can register for seats in lecture classes from 16 January onwards. As soon as you are (preliminary) enrolled at the University of Mannheim, you will get your personal credentials for the university services. You can then register and deregister from any lectures on your own accord. Please note that the registration procedure for courses from other departments may be different.

Examinations

Examination dates

Usually, written exams take place at the end of the semester, during the [examination period](#). Other types of exams, like presentations, papers, or other assignments can take place during the semester. Some elective modules might also have midterm exams.

Exam registration

You will have to register for your exams within an official registration period in **Portal²**. You will receive your credentials upon enrolment. The dates of the registration periods get announced on the website of the [Student Services](#). Please note that you also have to register for examinations in courses that have no written exam, such as seminars, but assignments, a presentation or a paper to hand in.

Best wishes for a good start in Mannheim!

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