

Important Information on Examination Regulations for Students Admitted to the M.Sc. Program in Economics

Please note: In the event of any conflict, only the German text of the Examination Regulations published in the Bulletin of the President's Office ("Bekanntmachungen des Rektorats") is legally binding.

Examinations during the Introductory Phase

Depending on your track of study, you must take either three or four modules during the introductory phase of your program.

Examination dates

Usually, examinations are taken during the examination period at the end of the semester (see our [academic calendar](#) for more details). Core modules may also include mid-term exams.

If you are taking the Economic Research preparatory courses, completion of module E700 Mathematics for Economists is mandatory in order for you to take other modules during the introductory phase. Module E700 Mathematics for Economists is scheduled for the first four weeks of the semester, with the examination taking place in early October. The other modules in this combination begin once this exam has been taken.

Exam registration

You will automatically be registered for all module examinations that take place during the introductory phase. You cannot withdraw from these examinations.

Re-sit examinations

If you fail a module examination during the introductory phase, you will automatically be registered to retake it on the next available examination date (second attempt).

A third attempt at an examination is only possible for one module during the introductory phase.

If you fail a third attempt, or a second attempt of more than one module examination during this phase, you will be disenrolled from the master's program in Economics.

If you passed an examination but are unhappy with the grade, you may re-sit **one** examination of your choice during this phase. In such a case, you must register for the examination by contacting the [Student Services](#). The better of the two grades will then count towards your grade average.

Examinations during the Specialization Phase (study track 1: Economics and study track 2: Competition and Regulation Economics)

The specialization phase of your program begins in the second semester.

Examination dates

Written examinations are taken during the examination period at the end of the semester. You may have to complete other assignments that count towards your grade, such as presentations or term papers, during the semester. Elective modules may include mid-term exams.

Exam registration

You must register for your exams within the official registration periods. The dates of the registration periods are published on the [Student Services' website](#). Please note that an examination can be any task that you have to complete to receive credits for a module. This means that you still have to register for an examination if you are giving a presentation, handing in a term paper, or completing another assignment for a course.

Late registration

If you miss the registration deadline, you can still register up until around one week before the first examination period begins (the exact date will be published on the Student Services' website). If you register after the registration period has closed, you will be charged a late registration fee of €10 for each exam. In order to prevent overlaps in the exam schedule, it is very important that you register during the official registration periods. If you register late, we cannot guarantee that your examinations will not overlap.

Withdrawal from examinations

You can withdraw from any exam up until around one week before the first examination period begins (the exact date will be published on the Student Services' website).

Unexcused and excused absences

If you do not attend an examination you are registered for (unexcused absence), you will fail the exam. If you are sick and therefore cannot take an examination, you are required to submit an application for de-registration and a medical certificate to the Student Services **without delay** (excused absence). Without delay means that you must submit these documents to the Student Services office as soon as possible and without deliberate hesitation. **If you do not submit these documents without delay, you will fail the exam.** The Student Services office provides the appropriate de-registration form on their website.

Re-sit examinations

You **cannot re-sit exams in elective modules**. If you fail an elective module, you need to take another module (with a different module number) in the next semester.

If you are studying the Competition and Regulation Economics track, you may retake **one** examination in a mandatory module.

Additional regulations for the Economics Track

- Up to a total of 16 ECTS credits may be recognized from the following master's programs of the University of Mannheim: Mannheim Master in Management (limited to modules in the field Business Administration), master's in Political Science", master's in Social Sciences, master's in Law and master's in Mathematics in Business and Economics and an optional internship. From the aforementioned programs, 8 additional ECTS credits may be acquired in the courses related to Economics. The decision which courses are related to Economics is to be made by the examination committee; the committee must take into consideration the relevant module catalogs on the basis of a written request by the student in due time; a request must be submitted two weeks before the beginning of the registration period at the latest. Please refer to the current version of the module catalog of the relevant program for the available courses of the programs mentioned in sentence 1 and for the corresponding examinations.
- During the specialization phase, you have to complete at least two, and a maximum of four, seminars in elective modules.
- You must obtain a total of between 60 and 66 ECTS credits from elective modules. Any additional credits obtained will not count towards your grade average and will not be listed on your Transcript of Records.

Additional regulations for the Competition and Regulation Economics Track

- The following four modules are compulsory during the specialization phase and are worth a total of 31 ECTS credits: Industrial Organization - Markets and Strategies, Empirical Industrial Organization, Competition Law, and an interdisciplinary seminar on Competition and Regulation.
- Up to a total of 16 ECTS credits may be recognized from the following master's programs of the University of Mannheim: Mannheim Master in Management (limited to modules in the field Business Administration), master's in Political Science", master's in Social Sciences, master's in Law, master's in Competition Law and Regulation (LL.M.) and master's in Mathematics in Business and Economics and an optional internship. Please refer to the current version of the module catalog of the relevant program for the available courses of the programs mentioned in sentence 1 and for the corresponding examinations.
- During the specialization phase, you have to complete at least one, and a maximum of three, seminars in elective modules.
- You must obtain a total of between 29 and 35 ECTS credits from elective modules. Any additional credits obtained will not count towards your grade average and will not be listed on your Transcript of Records.

For more information, please read the full Examination Regulations for the master's program in Economics, which you can find on the [Student Services' website](#).