



Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Competition and Regulation Economics

Economics

Economic Research

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

... one of the largest and most reputable economics departments in Germany. Our faculty members are engaged in a variety of research projects at the frontiers of their fields, covering topics in micro- and macro-economics, econometrics, industrial organization, labor economics, financial economics, auctions, game theory, policy analysis, economic history, and international trade.

Drawing on this expertise, we are offering a first-class Master of Science program in economics. The program is designed for a small group of excellent students who want to acquire the skills necessary for successful careers in international organizations or academia, and leading positions in the public and private sector. Students choose between the topical "Competition and Regulation Economics" track, the general "Economics" track and a research-oriented "Economic Research" track.

Program structure

Introductory phase

The first semester consists of three/four compulsory core modules depending on the chosen module combination:

Economics:

- ◆ E601 Advanced Microeconomics
- ◆ E602 Advanced Macroeconomics
- ◆ E603 Advanced Econometrics

Economic research preparatory courses:

- ◆ E700 Mathematics for Economists
- ◆ E701 Advanced Microeconomics
- ◆ E702 Advanced Macroeconomics
- ◆ E703 Advanced Econometrics

Specialization phase

At the end of the first semester, students continue either in "Competition and Regulation Economics" or "Economics" track. "Competition and Regulation Economics" contains the mandatory courses "Industrial Organization: Markets and Strategies", "Empirical Industrial Organization", and "Competition Law", as well as a tailor-made lecture

After a two-week orientation phase, students can choose between the module combinations "Economics" and "Economic Research Preparatory Courses". The latter is compulsory to be allowed to apply for the "Economic Research" track at the end of the first semester. "Economic Research" is a fast track option to acquiring a PhD degree. The "Competition and Regulation Economics" and "Economics" tracks are compatible with either module combination.

series with talks by leading practitioners and a seminar on competition economics, complemented by a wide range of elective courses. "Economics" allows students to build their own profile by choosing from a large offer of electives. Furthermore students can apply for the field of study "Economic Research", a fast track option to acquiring a PhD degree, in which they continue their studies focused on academic research.

Research phase

All master students conclude their studies with the writing of a master thesis.

"Competition and Regulation Economics" and "Economics" tracks

The "Competition and Regulation Economics" and "Economics" tracks prepare students for working in a complex interna-

tional work environment. Students discuss their course choice with a faculty member who advises them at the beginning of the specialization phase.

In the fourth semester students prepare their Master thesis.

"Economic Research" track

The field of study "Economic Research" prepares students for writing a PhD thesis and builds the foundation for a successful academic career.

Students attend courses from the PhD program of the Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics (CDSE). At the end of the second year, they prepare a dissertation proposal as their master thesis.

Experiences in different places

A place in the master program in economics at the University of Mannheim involves excellent opportunities to gain experiences in different environments:

- ◆ In the "Competition and Regulation Economics" track we facilitate internships and interaction with our cooperation partners. Several partners offer the possibility to be host to write the master thesis. Cooperation agreements already exist with *Bundesnetzagentur*, *German Monopolies Commission*, *Competition Commission of Singapore*, *Deutsche Bahn*, *Deutsche Telekom*, *CompassLexecon*, and *CRA*. Additional agreements are under negotiation.
- ◆ In the "Economics" track we offer the ENTER Master program, a double-degree exchange program with leading European economics departments. Our partner universities are the *Université Libre de Bruxelles*, *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*, *Stockholms Universitet*, and *Université de Toulouse I Capitole*.
- ◆ In the "Economic Research" track we offer a one-year exchange with one of the leading US Universities: *Yale University*.
- ◆ Access to the exchange programs is competitive and limited. The programs are subject to the ongoing approval by our partner universities and the DAAD. In addition students can apply for a variety of other exchange opportunities (e.g. ERASMUS+ program) within the network of Mannheim's partner universities.

Admission

Admission to our program takes place on an annual basis. The application period is March 15 to April 30. Notifications about admission are sent out in June. The program starts at the beginning of September.

Places in the program are limited and admission is based on a selection process. The minimum requirements for eligibility are a Bachelor degree in economics (or equivalent), a grade point average of 2.5 or better (German grading system) and excellent English language skills.

Online application:

<https://bewerbung.uni-mannheim.de/english/>

Required information for application:

- ◆ Letter of motivation
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation (to be submitted online)
- ◆ Bachelor certificate and transcripts of grades (or current transcript)
- ◆ Information about grading system (if not German)
- ◆ Proof of English language proficiency (see website for accepted proofs)
- ◆ Curriculum vitae

Applicants may also submit a writing sample.

For further information, please visit our website: <http://master.vwl.uni-mannheim.de/admission.php>

Mannheim and its surroundings

Mannheim, the second largest city in Baden-Württemberg with more than 300,000 residents, is located at the rivers Rhine and Neckar. The city impresses with its diversity: a successful mixture of shopping districts, industrial and service centers, places of cultural interest, art nouveau buildings, the large Baroque palace, which houses the university, and several extensive recreational areas. The beautiful Odenwald and Palatinate region, popular hiking and cycling areas, are located close to Mannheim.

The symbol of Mannheim is its Water Tower, a 60-meter-high sandstone colossus next to the town center, which is characterized by its chessboard-style street grid that is unique in Germany. Thanks to Mannheim's central location and extensive transport connections a variety of charming towns are within easy reach and France or Switzerland are only a short journey away. Frankfurt airport can be reached by train within 30 minutes.

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