

Betreff: Important information for your start in the MSc Economics at the University of Mannheim

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Dear first-year students,

We are very happy that you have decided to pursue the M.Sc. in Economics at the University of Mannheim. Please let me introduce myself with a few words. My name is Sebastian Herdtweck. I am the program manager and departmental exchange coordinator for the master's program. During your student days you will receive a lot of information on the program, important deadlines, job offers, exchange possibilities, and much more from me. If you have a question related to the program or going abroad, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Below and on our [website for first-year students](#) you can find some information that you may help you get started in the program.

Orientation sessions MSc Economics:

The welcome session for master's students will take place online on **24 August, 9:15 a.m.** (German time) via [ZOOM](#). During the welcome session, you will learn more about the master's program and the two week orientation phase, and find out all you need to know to successfully get started in your first semester. Information on the different tracks will also be provided. The students association (Fachschaft) will offer orientation events and get-togethers (online and in-person) in the upcoming weeks. The schedule can be found in the attachment. After the orientation session, the preparatory math course E600 will begin.

Preparatory course E600 Mathematics:

In order to help you to get started, we offer [E600 Mathematics](#), a preparatory math course, that we urge you to participate in. It will take place online between [24 August and 2 September](#) and will cover the vital mathematical concepts required by any graduate student in economics. The course is designed to help you with the core curriculum in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics. We expect that you are, to some degree, already able to deal with basic mathematical expressions and fundamental concepts (e.g. functions, sets) in a formal way. Therefore, you should read the online course's introductory chapter, Chapter 0: Fundamentals of Mathematics, before coming to the first session.

Module combinations in the first semester:

During the first weeks of the lecture period you can try out modules from the „Economics“ (E601-603) or „Economic Research Preparatory Courses“ (E700-703) module combinations before deciding which modules to take for the rest of the semester, and which track you want

to pursue. By default, students will be registered for the module combination "Economics". If you want to try out the module combination "Economic Research Preparatory Courses" please register for E700 through the course catalog of the [CDSE](#) program **until 28 August**. Please state „MSc Economics“ as your institution.

Please note that E700 will be offered **on-campus** only. It is not possible to follow the course or write the examination from abroad.

Please note that the module combinations can only be studied as whole. It is **not** possible to combine modules (e.g. E601 + E603 + E702); except for E700! If you have passed E700 you can still decide until mid November 2022 to write the examinations in the module combination E601-603. In this case your result of E700 will appear in the transcript but will not count towards your GPA.

Introductory courses:

The introductory courses E601-603 are going to be taught on-campus. According to my information the lecturers will record the sessions and upload them on ILIAS. Please note that For all core courses we will offer 4 exercise classes on-campus. The exercise classes will be taught from 12 September onwards. Lectures and exercise classes can be registered via Portal2 (I recommend to follow the link in the [course catalog](#)).

Information session on exchange programs:

Students interested in going abroad should first attend the “Introductory Study Abroad Session”. It is held by the International Office multiple times during the semester. The session will give you an overview of options for going abroad, the application process and funding programs. The first session will be offered on 19 September. You can find dates for further sessions on the [website](#) of the International Office.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you tomorrow morning!

Kind regards,
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