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Master's degree



Philosophy & Economics (P&E)

University of Bayreuth • Bayreuth



Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	English (100%)
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<p>We run a rolling admissions policy. Applications for the winter semester will be accepted from 1 January onwards. We advise you to apply as early as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">You can apply before you have completed your Bachelor's degree, but in such circumstances, we will only make you a conditional offer and you will have to have completed it by 1 October to enrol.We will accept applications from EU applicants until 31 August. Non-EU applicants are especially advised to apply not later than 15 July due to possible delays in obtaining visas, etc.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The MA programme in Philosophy & Economics is targeted at students with an interest in obtaining advanced analytical and quantitative training as a foundation for pursuing research-based careers in academia, public service, and business.</p> <p>In designing the degree, we had economists and philosophers in mind (as well as those with a political science or business and management studies background) who are intent on sharpening their abilities in normative reflection, deepening their knowledge of subjects they have pursued during their Bachelor's studies, and broadening and enhancing their methodological skills in key areas relevant to both disciplines.</p>

A modern degree for modern challenges

We see both economics and philosophy and their integration as methods for analysing allocation, distributive, and institutional mechanisms in a world that is in need of new global governance structures. Chief among these are the following pressing foundational and practical questions: What are the dimensions of equality? Does globalisation threaten social solidarity? How should we regulate migration flows? Is the international organisation of labour necessary for achieving social justice? What are the economic and moral challenges that regional trade agreements create for the WTO? What is a fair allocation of voting power in the EU? What is the best way to organise deliberation? Who bears responsibility for climate change? Should executive salaries and bonuses be capped? How do we encourage corporate social responsibility?

The Bayreuth P&E programme is the advanced degree for the national and international public policy analyst, the public servant, and the concerned business professional. Our MA programme is for the serious intellectual who wants a rigorous training that will cut across disciplines and who wants to innovate and engage with the world. It is an advanced training in the concepts and methods of social and economic justice and is a real alternative to the standard types of Master's programmes in economics, philosophy, political science, or business and management studies.

Clarity and individuality

The P&E Master's programme has a very clear structure with a set of core courses in both disciplines, a well-defined integrative philosophy & economics seminar, and a wide range of electives allowing our students to specialise according to individual interests and aptitude. Our programme will provide you with solid foundations and the opportunity to carve out your own distinctive academic and professional profile.

Research-led teaching

The mission of research-led teaching is taken seriously in the P&E programme. Courses are taught by those whose research is close to the topic. P&E faculty bring their own research to the seminar room and explore novel ideas and methods with their students in an intensive but relaxed way.

Course Details

Course organisation

The MA programme is a demanding and graded path of training. You will study six courses that will provide you with a rigorous Master's level of training that matches international standards in the core areas of philosophy and economics.

The interdisciplinarity in which you will be trained will give you the ability to reason, reflect, and converse easily in both disciplines. You will gain the skills for applying the specialist methods and theoretical frameworks from both philosophy and economics for studying a set of problems that are relevant to both disciplines.

Compulsory modules – or what you must do:

- Ethics
- Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Empirical Economic Research
- The Integrative Seminar
- Research Seminars

Elective modules – or what you can do:

You must study five elective courses from any MA Module Area offered by the departments of Philosophy and Economics or any MA level course offered by cognate departments (e.g. Mathematics, Business Administration). You can concentrate on philosophy, on economics, or on a mix of the two. Additionally, you must write a MA thesis in which you demonstrate your abilities to undertake sustained, independent, and specialised research.

For more detail, please read the [Module Handbook](#).

Double Degree Programme

P&E Bayreuth offers an innovative and exclusive PPE double degree programme together with the Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic). The double degree programme allows you to study at both universities and to obtain two degrees (from Prague and Bayreuth) within the regular study period of the MA programme (four semesters). It offers a unique possibility to study PPE in two different environments and to expand your academic, social and cultural experience beyond Bayreuth.

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International guest lecturers• Study trips• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context• Courses are led with foreign partners
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	In Germany, students at all higher education institutions pay a semester contribution. This payment (University of Bayreuth: 142.85 EUR per semester) has nothing to do with tuition fees; rather, it covers your contributions to student services and the student government. At the University of Bayreuth (which combines the campus in Bayreuth and our Faculty VII located in Kulmbach), it includes a "semester ticket" that allows you to use public transport in the region.
Costs of living	The cost of living in Germany, e.g. accommodation, food, clothing and recreational activities, is about average compared to other European countries. Living expenses are significantly lower than in countries like Denmark, Luxembourg or Switzerland, but they are rather high compared to countries like Poland, the Czech Republic or Italy. Compared to other large German cities, such as Munich, Berlin or Hamburg, Bayreuth's low cost of living and affordable housing make the city and the region particularly attractive to young people and families. The DAAD website will tell you what living expenses to expect in Germany: https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/9198-financing/ .
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	Qualification A degree (or completed course of studies) with an examination grade of "2.0" or better in the Bachelor's programmes Economics, Philosophy & Economics, or International Economics & Development at the University of Bayreuth, or an equivalent degree Equivalence
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Determining the equivalence of the completed Bachelor's degree is the responsibility of the board of examiners and is not determined conclusively until the application process is under way. If you have any questions regarding admission, please contact pe-master@uni-bayreuth.de.

Aptitude Assessment Process

An aptitude assessment process is carried out if the applicant's average grade for the degree is worse than "2.0" to "2.3" (see [Examination Regulations](#), Annex 2). It includes an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications and, if necessary, a personal interview.

Language Proficiency

English and German (details see below)

Applying Without a Degree Certificate

Applications may already be submitted before completion of the Bachelor's degree. However, a total of at least 150 credits and a minimum grade of "good" (2.0) are required by the time of application. If the applicant's average grade is below "2.0" to "2.3" and if it is mathematically possible that the degree does not meet the required average grade, an aptitude assessment process is carried out.

Special Conditions

Conditional admission is not offered for this programme.

Language requirements	You must have an excellent command of written and spoken English (level B2). Additionally, you need German language skills at level A1.
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Submit application to	https://www.pe-master.uni-bayreuth.de/en/applicants/index.php

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	<p>There are many ways for international students to earn money while they study, but there are some restrictions. For more detailed information, please visit the DAAD website.</p> <p>The University of Bayreuth's Career Services team provides a central interface between student and professional life. The team offers guidance and support to students of all subjects with regard to starting their careers.</p> <p>For information regarding the Corona virus, please visit our website and also see https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Accommodation for students</p> <p>Bayreuth and Kulmbach have a number of student dormitories (both private dormitories and dormitories offered by the Association for Student Affairs) and a vast array of private rooms available. Under no circumstances should you assume that you will be assigned a room in the student dormitories! You will need to actively search for a room on your own – either in a private dormitory or on the private market.</p>

More information regarding accommodation for students is available here: <https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/studies/accomodation/index.html>. Please also read the [DAAD's information](#).

Accommodation for international guests

All other international guests are requested to register via the [Welcome Services Database \(WelSe\)](#).

Accommodation for short visits

For short visits, we recommend searching for accommodation on Airbnb. In addition, a limited number of apartments are available in the [Alexander von Humboldt Guest House](#).

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Tutors
- Buddy programme

Supervisor-student ratio

1:2



Corporate video of the University of Bayreuth

It all begins with a dream – a search for knowledge and insights, important changes, every great idea. Welcome to the University of Bayreuth!

» more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWle6FHIR5k>

University of Bayreuth



The University of Bayreuth is one of the most successful young universities in Germany.

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International, innovative, and interdisciplinary in research and teaching

Top-notch research, state-of-the-art teaching methods, international influences, diversity, and a springboard to a successful career – these are all things the University of Bayreuth stands for.

[The University of Bayreuth](#) is a dynamic campus university with currently about 13,000 students. Beyond the interdisciplinary research focus and excellence in teaching, the university has a clear vision of social responsibility and entrepreneurship. In the middle of [Kulmbach](#), our new satellite campus unites the perspectives of natural science, economics, law, social sciences, and behavioural science in one place in a way that has not yet been seen in Germany.

We have a close network of strategically selected [international](#) research partners, and we have strategic partnerships with universities around the globe. A wide range of innovative BA, MA and PhD programmes as well as our international summer schools are [conducted in English](#). There are presently around 1,770 international students from more than 100 countries on the Bayreuth and Kulmbach campuses. Focus areas in [research](#) include Nonlinear Dynamics, Polymer and Colloid Science, Molecular Biosciences, Ecology and Environmental Sciences, New Materials, African Studies, High Pressure and High Temperature Research, Cultural Encounters and Transcultural Processes, Innovation and Consumer Protection, Food and Health Sciences, Energy Research and Energy Technology, Governance and Responsibility.

Our university has an outstanding staff-to-student ratio. Our high performance levels, multidisciplinary collaborations and scientific excellence result in [high-ranking positions](#). In the 2021 THE ranking of “475 under 50”, the University of Bayreuth once again achieved a top position among the best universities in Germany. We have proven expertise in campus and curriculum [internationalisation](#), which is confirmed by the results of the extended internationalisation audit conducted by the German Rectors’ Conference, a close and successful project cooperation with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and a number of Alexander von Humboldt Awards for our international management and [service](#).

Welcome to our one-of-a-kind [campus](#) in Bavaria!

It is both the heart of our university and a source of inspiration. It is where friendships are made, collaboration is initiated, and ideas are conceived, ensuring that our university remains a beacon of innovation. Scientific exchange profits tremendously from the wide variety of disciplines our communicative campus brings together.

Coronavirus

Be sure that there is a **comprehensive and high-quality range of courses** in all degree programmes that will enable students to successfully begin and continue their studies – on campus or online.



University location

Welcome to Bavaria!

Seventy-six thousand people from **145 nations** chose the city of Bayreuth as their new home, and those numbers are steadily rising. Because of its 13,000 students, Bayreuth is the **third-youngest city in Germany**. Living here means not getting stuck in traffic jams every

morning. The short distances in Bayreuth allow you to leave your car at home and to walk or ride your bike to work and to campus.

Career & Networking

The [Welcome Service](#) at the University of Bayreuth is here to assist you with any questions regarding living and [working](#) in the region of Bayreuth. The team of our International Office provides guidance and support for all international students, scholars, and their families before, during and after their stay at the University of Bayreuth. The aim is to ensure a quick, trouble-free and thus successful start as well as an unforgettable stay on our friendly campus in Bayreuth and Kulmbach.

A good climate for your entrepreneurial spirit

The University of Bayreuth takes its role as a regional motor of innovation very seriously. The [Office of Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#) was set up to help students gain [the necessary qualifications](#) in the area of entrepreneurial and innovative thinking and acting. In doing so, we nurture our students' willingness and ability to start their own companies. Our [Adviser for Start-Ups](#) provides start-ups and prospective start-ups with confidential guidance and support. Strong **innovation and research** institutions combined with high-performance medium-sized companies make for a steady rise in workforce and a guarantee for job security.

Your new home away from home

Bayreuth and Kulmbach offer a fast variety of childcare services as well as affordable **living space**. Step outside your front door and enjoy the **recreational activities**. Scenic northern Bavaria is great for sports activities: cycling, hiking, mountain-climbing, canoeing, rafting, and skiing are all excellent ways to enrich your leisure time. However, if you do happen to crave the feel of a bigger city now and then, Nuremberg is only a one-hour train ride away and Munich is only two-and-a-half hours away. You can reach Berlin in four hours by car or bus and Leipzig in half that time.

Have a great start. We look forward to meeting you!

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🌐 <https://de.linkedin.com/school/university-of-bayreuth/>

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