Degree

Master of Science in International Economics and Public Policy

Course language(s)

The programme is taught in English (with the possibility to enrol in elective courses taught in German).

Admission semester

Summer and winter semester

Beginning

Winter semester - October
Summer semester - April
See also:
http://www.uni-mainz.de/studium/395_DEU_HTML.php
(Since most introductory courses are held in the winter semester, we recommend that you start the programme in October.)

Programme duration

Four semesters (two years)

Application deadline

15 May for the following winter semester
15 November for the following summer semester
(Note that these deadlines may be subject to changes. Please consult the programme homepage or see http://www.uni-mainz.de/studium/397_ENG_HTML.php.)

Course content

This two-year Master's Programme in International Economics and Public Policy (MIEPP) is designed for
students who aim to understand both the opportunities and the challenges faced by private and public decision-makers in an increasingly integrated world economy. It offers a sound training in economic theory and econometric techniques, enables students to discuss modern academic literature critically, and encourages them to apply their knowledge to relevant issues in business and economic policy. Graduates of the programme will be prepared for positions in the private and the public sectors - especially in enterprises and institutions that operate on an international scale - but the programme may also serve as a starting point for an academic career.

The Johannes Gutenberg University (JGU) Mainz looks back on a rich tradition of research and teaching in international economics and public policy. Its academic faculty is well-anchored in the scientific community, visibly participates in both academic and public discussions, and is committed to conveying up-to-date economic knowledge to its students. The university campus offers excellent facilities (library, computer labs, etc.), and the structure of the programme encourages a close interaction between the faculty and the students.

**Educational organisation**

The Master's programme in International Economics and Public Policy (MIEPP) consists of three major components: core modules, elective modules, and the Master's thesis with a research colloquium. Students commencing studies in the winter semester start by attending mandatory courses that review and deepen basic concepts and methods in international trade, development economics, public economics, and macroeconomics. During the second and third semesters, they specialise in either International Economics or Public Policy, selecting from a broad menu of courses that range from international macroeconomics and finance to labour and behavioural economics. Students commencing studies in the summer semester start by attending elective modules in their first semester and attend the mandatory core modules in their second semester. All courses have a strong focus on policy issues and empirical applications. The last semester is reserved for a Master's thesis, in which students document their ability to competently analyse a topical research question.

**Study abroad unit(s)**

Study abroad units are not mandatory, but cooperation with several foreign universities facilitate a semester abroad (see: [http://erasmus.wiwi.uni-mainz.de/](http://erasmus.wiwi.uni-mainz.de/)).

**Internships**
An internship is not a mandatory part of the programme, but students will be supported in their search for intern positions in private companies and public institutions.

**Forms of assessment**

Written exams: approx. 60 ECTS  
Term papers and presentations: approx. 30 ECTS  
Master's thesis: 25 ECTS  
Defence: 5 ECTS

**ECTS credits**

120

**Diploma supplement**

Yes

**Course objectives**

Graduates of the programme will be prepared for positions in the private and the public sectors - especially in enterprises and institutions that operate on an international scale - but the programme may also serve as a starting point for an academic career.

**Tuition fees**

In general, there are no tuition fees at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz.

Note that if you have already completed a Master's degree, the state of Rhineland Palatinate may charge an additional tuition fee. The exact amount of this fee may vary over time. See this site for more information: https://www.studium.uni-mainz.de/studiengebuehren

**Enrolment fees**

The registration fee of currently approx. 300 EUR per semester entitles students to use various other services - for example public transport in Mainz, Frankfurt, and the rest of the Rhine-Main area.

**Costs of living**

Approx. 600-800 EUR per month

**Job opportunities**

The Rhine-Main area offers a rich array of job opportunities both in the private sector and in public institutions.
Language requirements

Completed "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) with at least 227 points (computer based test, CBT), 87 points (internet based test, iBT), 567 points (paper-based test, PBT), IELTS with at least 5.0 points, or "Cambridge First Certificate" (FCE) if the applicant is not a native speaker or if the Bachelor's degree has not been achieved in a programme taught entirely in English.

Academic requirements

Bachelor's degree (or comparable) in economics, business, or related discipline. For detailed information on how and where to apply, please consult our programme homepage.

Where to apply

First, your documents need to be recognised by the International Office (http://www.uni-mainz.de/studium/3972_ENG_HTML.php).

Once your documents have been validated, you can proceed to apply online (http://www.uni-mainz.de/studium/117_ENG_HTML.php).

Arrival support

The university's International Office organises introductory events for students from abroad (see: http://www.uni-mainz.de/studium/124_ENG_HTML.php).

Services and support for international students

The university's International Office will support foreign students in practical and organisational matters.

Course website

www.master.economics.uni-mainz.de

About the university

With approx. 33,000 students from more than 130 nations, Johannes Gutenberg University ranks among Germany's largest universities and is the scientific and
academic centre of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. Some 4,150 academics, including 540 professors, teach and conduct research at more than 150 institutes and clinics.

Solid placements in rankings of higher education institutions, numerous awards and a large number of projects supported by outside funds testify to the outstanding research achievements of the university’s scientists. The university’s research programmes particularly focus on materials science, nuclear and particle physics as well as nuclear chemistry in the natural sciences, immunology and oncology in medicine, and intercultural and media studies in the humanities and social sciences.

Students have a wide range of subject options, covering almost the entire spectrum of university specialities: from the study of law and economics to the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences and from medicine and dentistry to the integration of music, fine arts, and sports. The Department of Translation, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies, located in Germersheim, trains translators and interpreters in numerous European and non-European languages.

This multiplicity of fields enables and promotes interdisciplinary research and teaching at Mainz University and - as personified by its namesake Johannes Gutenberg - an innovative interplay of ideas and technologies.

**Total number of students**

33,000

**Total percentage of international students**

12 %

**About the city**

In its everyday life, Mainz, as the state capital of Rhineland-Palatinate, proves that tradition and progress can mingle successfully. Looking back on a history spanning 2,000 years, Romans, electors, and personalities such as Barbarossa and Gutenberg have left their mark on the modern city of Mainz. Today, Mainz stands for cosmopolitanism and conviviality. Located on the River Rhine and in one of Germany’s most picturesque regions, the city of Mainz provides a pleasant background for student life, while the proximity of Frankfurt facilitates contacts with renowned public institutions and private firms.

Mainz always has an “open ear” for culture, and not only because the well-known Whitsun festival with theatre, music, and cabaret bears this name. State theatres, small stages, and other cultural centres provide a lively and varied array of offerings for all tastes. New and experimental forms of theatre are
presented at the "studio theatre" (Kammerspiele), while the historic Moller building in the centre of the city presents opera, theatre, and ballet.

The state capital is furthermore a vital location for business, including many media companies such as the German Television ZDF (Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen), which promotes the image of its hometown across Europe on a daily basis. Extensive wine-growing areas on the edge of the city are enticing places for a relaxing walk in the vineyards. Other delightful surrounding areas offer a wealth of opportunities for day trips: the charming Rheingau region with its famous monasteries such as Eberbach situated in the hills, a romantic boat trip on the Rhine, or a short tour through the splendid landscapes of the Hunsrück, Odenwald, and Taunus ranges of hills.

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