

**These degree programme and examination regulations have been worded carefully to be up to date; however, errors cannot be completely excluded. The official German text available at the Examinations Office is the version that is legally binding.**

**Note:** For students who started their studies before the latest amendment came into effect: please also note the previous amendments with their transitory provisions.

**Degree programme and examination regulations for the Master's degree programme Economics at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg  
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Based on Section 13 (1)(2), Section 43 (5)(2), Section 61 (2)(1) of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (Bayerisches Hochschulgesetz, BayHSchG), the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg enacts the following examination regulations:

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**Section 1 Scope**

The degree programme and examination regulations for the research-orientated consecutive Master's degree programme 'Economics' with the degree 'Master of Science' complement the general examination regulations for the Master's degree programmes at the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Law of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) — MPOWIWI

**Section 2 Qualification for a Master's Degree Programme, Certificates and Admission Requirements**

(1) <sup>1</sup>A subject-specific degree within the meaning of Section 26 (1)(1) MPOWIWI is a Bachelor's degree in economics. <sup>2</sup>The following shall be recognised as subject-related degrees within the meaning of Section 26 (1)(1) MPOWIWI:

1. in particular a Bachelor's degree in mathematics
2. in particular a Bachelor's degree in social science or behavioural science
3. in particular a Bachelor's degree in a natural science
4. in particular a Bachelor's degree in a discipline of engineering
5. in particular a (Bachelor's) degree in (commercial) law

(2) <sup>1</sup> The following documents within the meaning of Appendix No. 2.3.3 MPOWIWI must be submitted:

1. proof of any stays abroad (if applicable)
2. proof of any relevant placements (if applicable)
3. proof of sufficient English language proficiency equivalent to at least level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

<sup>2</sup>The proof required according to Sentence 1 (3) may be provided, in particular, in the form of school certificates [demonstrating at least 5 years of language classes before obtaining the university entrance qualification; the final grade or the average grade in the last two years must be equivalent to at least the grade of 4 (ausreichend – sufficient) or 5 points respectively in the German grading system].

(3) In the first stage of the qualification assessment process, the documents to be submitted according to Appendix No. 2.3 MPOWIWI and Paragraph 2 are assessed according to the following criteria with the maximum number of available points given in parentheses according to Section 5.1 MPOWIWI:

1. quality of the previous degree or previous achievements (maximum of 50 points)
2. subject knowledge, skills and abilities (maximum 50 points)

(4) <sup>1</sup>In the second stage of the qualification assessment process according to Appendix No. 5.2 MPOWIWI, applicants are assessed on the basis of the documents submitted showing additional qualifications such as relevant placements, English language proficiency, stays abroad (maximum of 10 points in total) and a qualification assessment interview (maximum of 10 points). <sup>2</sup>The interview shall have a duration of approximately 20 minutes and is supposed to demonstrate that the applicant possesses the required technical and methodological expertise and can be expected to carry out independent academic work in a more research-orientated degree programme. <sup>3</sup>The qualification assessment interview shall cover the qualification criteria given in Paragraph 3 (2).

### **Section 3 Scope and Structure of the Master's Degree Programme, Examinations**

(1) <sup>1</sup>In the first semester students study fundamental theories and methods in-depth (compulsory subjects = 30 ECTS credits). <sup>2</sup>In the second and third semester students choose a total of ten elective modules (5 ECTS credits each) in any combination they wish from five module groups (elective compulsory subjects); these must include at least one economics seminar (5 ECTS credits) and two modules (5 ECTS credits each) offered by the Faculty, including those in the module groups mentioned above. <sup>3</sup>When choosing modules, a subject-specific increase in expertise compared to the preceding Bachelor's degree must be proven. <sup>4</sup>Students complete the Master's thesis module in the fourth semester. <sup>5</sup>It consists of two examination achievements: the Master's thesis (25 ECTS credits) and the Master's seminar (5 ECTS credits)

(2) Type and scope of the examinations are governed by **Sections 10 and 16–18a MPOWIWI**.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The courses and examinations in the compulsory subjects are held in English. <sup>2</sup>The courses and examinations in the elective compulsory subjects are held in English or German. <sup>3</sup>Further provisions shall be set forth in the module handbook.

(4) <sup>1</sup>Students may choose to study specialisations. <sup>2</sup>Specialisations are fields of study in which a minimum of 15 ECTS points are to be completed. <sup>3</sup>The following fields of study are available as specialisations:

1. Labor Economics
2. Macroeconomics and Finance
3. Public Economics
4. Energy Markets
5. Health Economics.

<sup>4</sup>The module handbook shall specify which modules are allocated to which specialisations.

<sup>5</sup>If a module may be allocated to more than one specialisation students may decide themselves which specialisation it is to be allocated to. <sup>6</sup>Upon request, students may receive written confirmation of up to three specialisations that they have studied.

#### **Section 4 Legal Validity and Transitory Provisions**

<sup>1</sup>These degree programme and examination regulations come into effect on the day after their publication. <sup>2</sup>They shall apply to all students who enter the Economics Master's degree programme in the winter semester 2009/2010 or later.

## Appendix:

Economics study plan			Distribution of workload per semester			
			1	2	3	4
	Type	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS	ECTS
<b>1st semester: compulsory subjects – 6 compulsory modules</b>						
Mathematics for Economists	L	5	5			
Microeconomics	L	5	5			
Game Theory	L	5	5			
Macroeconomics: Business Cycles	L	5	5			
Macroeconomics: Economic Growth	L	5	5			
Applied Econometrics	L	5	5			
<b>2nd and 3rd semester: elective subjects – choice of 10 economics elective modules* + 2 free elective modules</b>						
Elective compulsory subjects: 10 modules worth 5 ECTS credits each		50				
- Module group: Labor Economics						
- Module group: Macroeconomics and Finance						
- Module group: Public Economics				25	25	
- Module group: Energy Markets						
- Module group: Health Economics						
Free elective modules: 2 modules worth 5 ECTS credits each		10		5	5	
<b>4th semester: Master's thesis</b>						
Master's thesis		25				25
Master's Thesis Seminar		5				5
<b>ECTS</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

\* The individual modules available in each module group will be published according to local practice before the start of the semester.

\*\* Other elective modules may be permitted; further details can be found in the module handbook.