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Master of Science in
ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT

Double Degree Program with the
MSc in Development Economics,
University of Göttingen,
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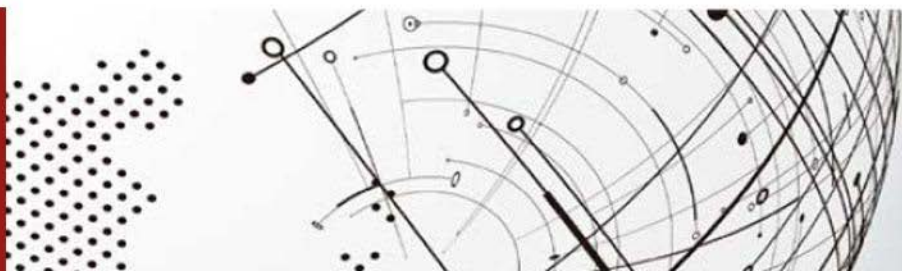


A double degree for first-year students of the curriculum Development Economics

Why?

A double degree is a program which allows you to:

- study at two economics schools, taking the best from either;
- earn two degrees, one from each university;
- gain international experience;
- be more competitive in the labour market;
- broaden your horizons;
- build strong international networks.

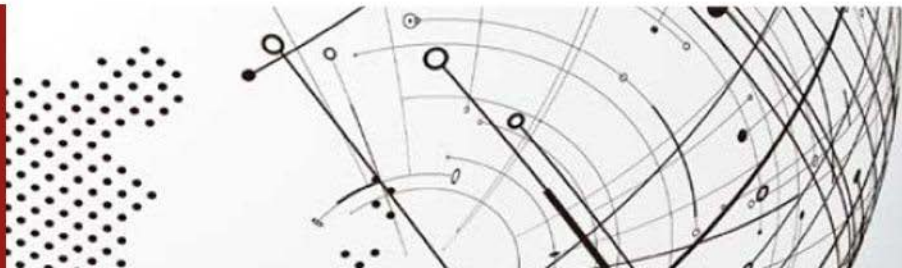


Program Overview (1)

Students from Unifi spend

- the 1st academic year at the MSc in Economics and Development of Unifi, where they earn 60 ECTS;
- the 2nd academic year at the MSc in Development Economics of University of Göttingen, where they earn 60 ECTS as follows:
 - during the first semester they enjoy a high degree of flexibility and can choose among several courses, both theoretical and applied;
 - during the second semester they write their master thesis.

Website of MSc in Development Economics at UGöttingen:
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/203661.html#information>



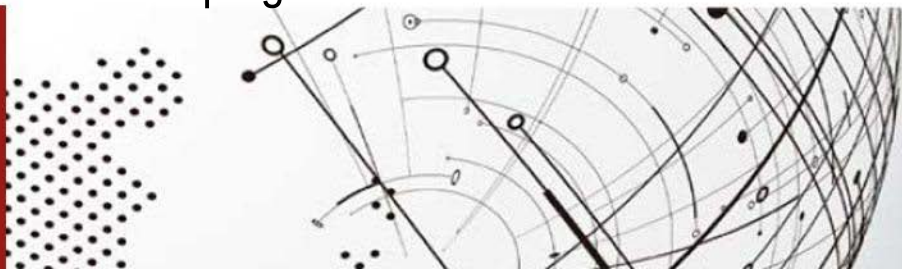
Program Overview (2)

This program focuses on a quantitative analysis of developing economies. By providing students with advanced quantitative methods and skills, it is designed

- to equip graduates with cutting-edge research techniques,
- to develop in-depth knowledge of the driving forces behind economic development,
- to prepare them to think analytically,
- to evaluate and formulate global and sectoral economic policies.

Key competences provided include

- the capacity to conduct both theoretical and applied research in the fields of economic development, poverty analysis and international cooperation and integration;
- to acquire the ability to develop and manage complex cooperation programs within national and international organizations including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and private sector companies with an interest in developing countries.



Program Overview (3): 1st year at Unifi

Mandatory courses	ECTS	Sem
Development Microeconomics	9	1
Statistical Inference	9	1
Development Macroeconomics	9	2
Corporate Governance and Finance for Development	12	2

One of the following courses	ECTS	Sem
Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis	6	1
Measurement and Causes of Poverty	6	2

One of the following courses	ECTS	Sem
Agriculture Development and Poverty	6	1
Labour Economics and Gender ¹	6	1
Microeconometrics ¹	6	1
Environment and Development	6	2
Local and Industrial Development	6	2

One of the following courses	ECTS	Sem
Economic Law	6	1
International law	6	1

One of the following laboratories	ECTS	Sem
R Lab	3	1
Stata Lab	3	2



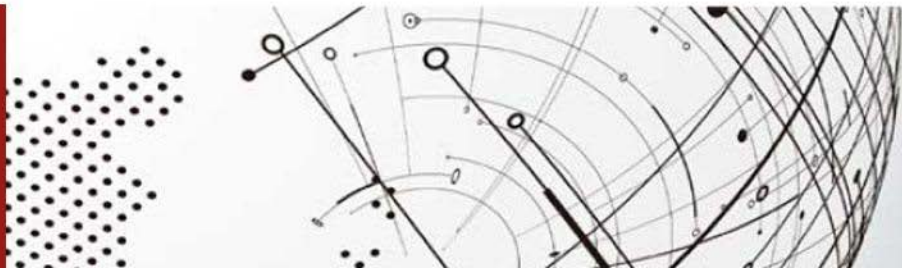
Program Overview (4): 2nd year at UGöttingen

Lectures at UGöttingen

- from Oct. 26, 2026 to February 12, 2027;
- from April 12 to July 16, 2027.

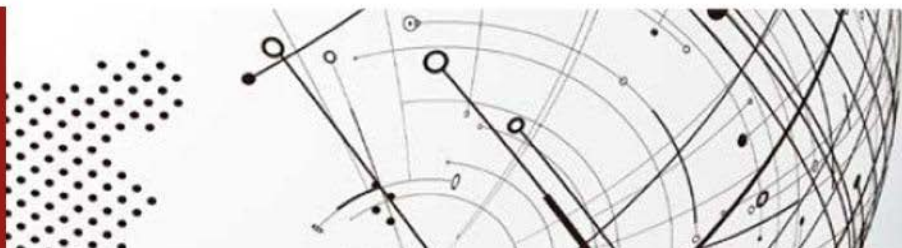
The MSc webpage about this dd program has a link to a document which includes the syllabus of each of the following courses.

Mandatory Course	ECTS
Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Food Security	6



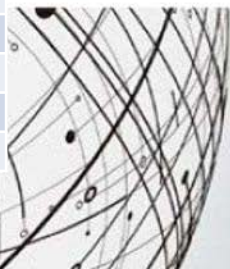
Program Overview (5): 2nd year at UGöttingen

One of the following seminars	ECTS
Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21st Century: 'Trade-related and Macroeconomic Issues for Latin American Policy Making'	6
Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21st Century: 'Challenges of Economic Development in Latin America'	6
Seminar Development Economics IV	6
Economic effects of regional integration (Seminar)	6
Globalization and Development (Seminar)	6
Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment (Seminar)	6
Economics of Crime (Seminar)	6
Essentials of Global Health (Seminar)	6
Controversies in Development Economics (Seminar)	6
Games in Development Economics (Seminar)	6
Mind, Society and Development (Seminar)	6
Evaluating Development Effectiveness (Seminar)	6
Empirical Analysis of Conflict and Development (Seminar)	6
Seminar in Development Economics	6
Social Assistance in Developing Countries (Seminar)	6
Seminar Topics in Urban Economics	6
Seminar Advanced Topics in Urban Economics	6
Economics, Politics and African Societies (Seminar)	6
Agricultural Policy Seminar	6



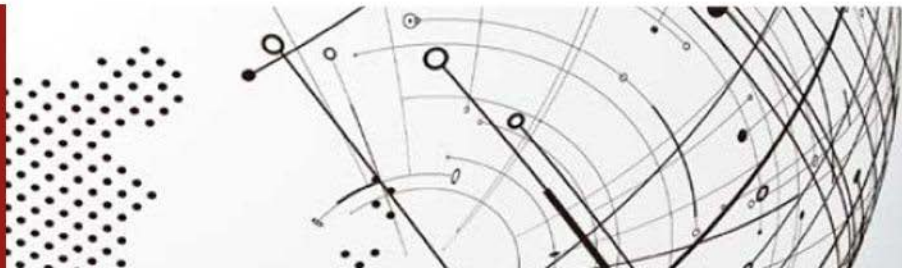
Program Overview (6): 2nd year at UGöttingen

Three of the following courses	ECTS
Development Economics III: Regional Perspectives in Development Economics	6
Advanced Development Economics	6
Poverty&Inequality (if Measurement & causes of poverty was not chosen at Unifi)	6
Quasi-Experiments in Development Economics	6
Empirical Political Economy	6
International Development Policy	6
Advanced Microeconomics	6
Advanced Development Economics	6
Gender and Development	6
Empirical Trade Issues	6
Topics in European and Global Trade	6
Economic Reform and Social Justice in India	6
Macroeconomics of Open Economies	6
International Trade	6
International Political Economy	6
Growth, Resources, and the Environment	6
Behavioural Development Economics	6
Recent Topics in Macroeconomics	6
Deep Determinants of Growth and Development	6
New Developments in International Economics	6
Advanced Economic Growth	6
Economics of Education	6
Migration Economics: Replication Course	6
Field Experiments in Development Economics	6
China's Economic and Political Development	6
The Political Economy of Social Protection	6
Geospatial Analysis for Development Economics	6
Topics in Development Economics	6
The Economics of Health and Aging	6
Field Research in Development Economics	6



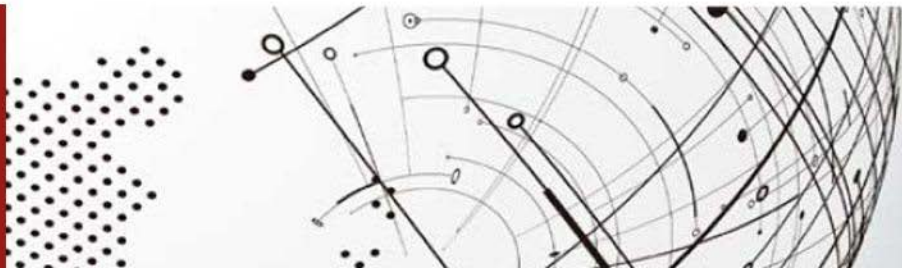
Program Overview (7): 2nd year at UGöttingen

Master Thesis, worth 30 ECTS, to write under the supervision of a professor of the University of Göttingen who will eventually grade it.



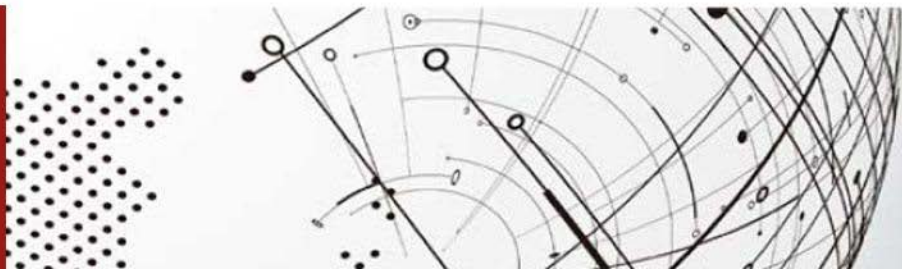
The two degrees

- The exams passed at Unifi during the 1st year will be recognized by UGöttingen, hence the student will earn the German degree.
- The exams passed at UGöttingen during the 2nd year and the thesis will be recognized by Unifi, hence the student will earn the Italian degree.



Requirements to apply

- Be a first-year student of the curriculum Development Economics;
- 3-year BA with at least 180 ECTS, of which at least 60 ECTS in economics, agricultural economics, economic geography, economic history, history of economic thought, mathematics, statistics, econometrics, and at least 12 additional ECTS in mathematics, statistics, econometrics;
- Certified knowledge of English at C1 level, for instance issued by CLA at Unifi. The test at CLA can be taken in November 2025, with registration by Oct. 23, or in early February 2026 (contact lisa.grazzini@unifi.it for additional information).
- Average grade no less than 26 at the exams of Development Microeconomics, Statistical Inference -- at least one of these exams must have been passed.

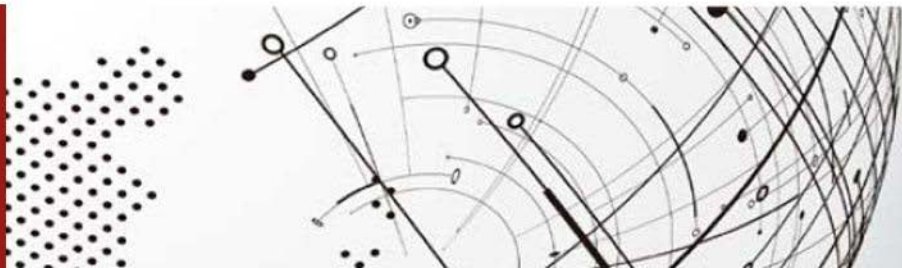


Call for Applications, Selection criteria

The call for applications will be issued at the end of January 2026 and will be available in the MSc webpage about this dd program. The deadline to apply will be February 22, 2026, two days after the end of the Winter exam session.

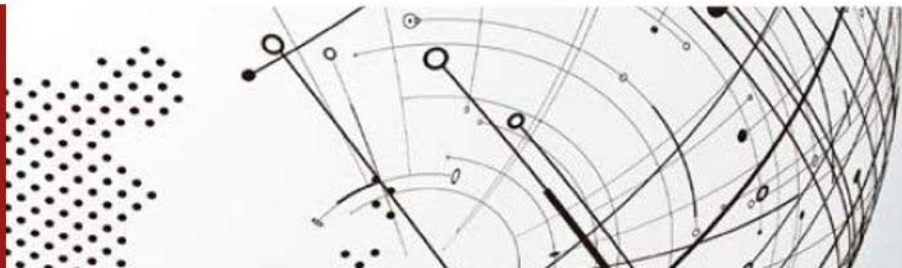
Five positions will be available. Applicants will be selected according to the following criteria

- Final grade of the Bachelor degree BA;
- Motivation letter;
- Average grade at the exams of the courses
Development Microeconomics, Statistical Inference.



Fees, Financial support, Accommodation

- Students entering this Double Degree Program pay tuition fees only at Unifi for both years.
- For their year in Göttingen, students receive the Erasmus+ scholarship from Unifi; the MSc webpage about this dd program includes a link to a document about this scholarship.
- UGöttingen offers an accommodation to dd students at “reasonable” price.

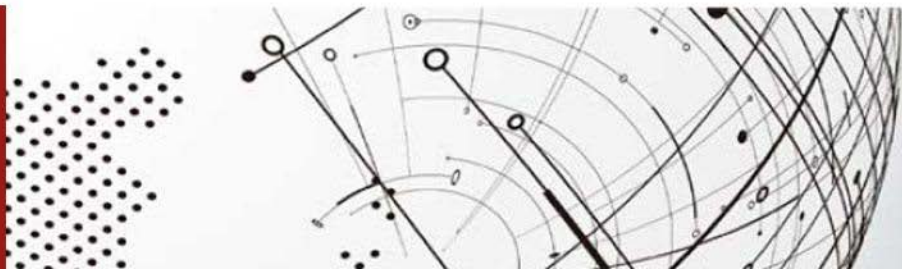


Educational Objectives

At the end of the program, graduates will be able to:

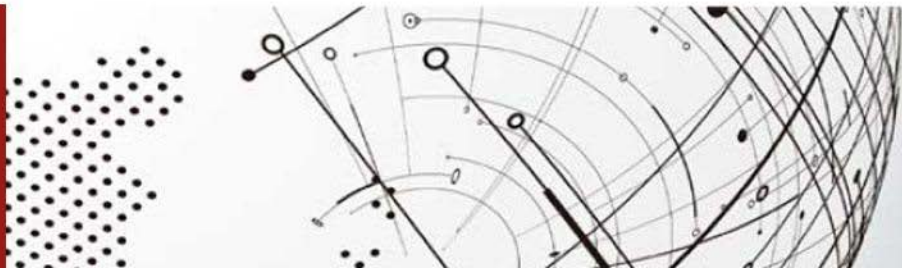
- collect and analyse quantitative and qualitative data from local, national, and international data sets;
- understand micro and macro phenomena from an economic point of view;
- use theoretical and applied (including econometric) tools to analyse economic systems;
- evaluate and formulate economic policies.

The program will not only provide a sound background in economics and quantitative methods but will also give students a multidisciplinary approach.



Career Perspectives

The opportunities for this program include employment in government and aid agencies working on development issues, international organizations, policy research institutions, international business in multinational companies, and enrolment in a PhD program.



Photos

