

economics and development

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admission requirements

The MSc in Economics and Development offers lessons and research projects in the heart of Florence, excellent student to staff ratio, and an interdisciplinary approach in the teaching of economics.

The MSc in Economics and Development provides two curricula: a curriculum in **Development Economics** and a curriculum in **Economics**. Each curriculum prepares students for different careers, and it is a worthy experience which provides students with a competitive advantage in any profession that requests a diversified spectrum of skills to analyse and possibly solve socio-economic problems within international organisations, companies or governments. Key competences acquired by graduates which are highly valued by employers include solid economic knowledge, problem-solving skills, analytical thinking and economic intuition. A sound background in economics and quantitative methods is matched with a multidisciplinary approach (legal, business, finance, historic, etc) to allow students to develop other useful skills for the job market.

Entry requirements from a BA degree course are:

- Economics 18 ECTS;
- Statistics 6 ECTS;
- Mathematics 6 ECTS;
- English language: B2 level of the Common European Framework.

Students who do not meet these academic requirements (in terms of credits) can enroll in the subjects in order to pass the exams and earn the required credits.

Applicants with a BA (Laurea triennale) in Italy should have a final grade of at least 99/110 (for foreign students, the final grade will be evaluated accordingly).

Students who do not fulfill this requirement but are motivated are welcome to apply but may be asked to sit an interview prior to final admission.

To apply, non-EU students will have to:

- Pre-enroll at the Italian embassy/consulate in their country in the period May-June, according to the timeline set by the Italian Ministry of University;
- follow the steps described at the link: https://www.economia.unifi.it/upload/sub/corsi-di-studio/graduate-admission_application-procedure.pdf

A reference letter from a university professor is strongly recommended.

goals and opportunities

The curriculum in **Development Economics** provides an ideal background for pursuing a PhD programme (in Development Economics and related topics) at leading universities around the world or for work as a professional development economist in national and international agencies, civil service appointments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and private sector companies with interests in developing countries.

Double Degree

Students will have the opportunity to attend the Double Degree program with the MSc in Development Economics of the University of Göttingen (for the Curriculum in Development Economics) and with the MSc in European Economic Studies of the University of Bamberg (for the Curriculum in Economics).

The curriculum in **Economics** provides an ideal background for pursuing a PhD programme (in Economics and related topics) at leading universities around the world or for work as a professional economist in a wide range of positions in private economic consultancy agencies, business, finance, national and international organisations and governments.

Students of the MSc can take advantage of an agreement with the Syracuse University in Florence for joint courses and activities and enjoy the life of an American Campus and its facilities in Florence!

Students of both curricula have the option to participate in Traineeship in selected institutions (FAO, OECD, Bank of Italy, IRPET - Regional Institute for Economic Planning of Tuscany, etc.).

Thanks to the **Erasmus programme**, students can study or do a traineeship in some foreign universities and companies, getting the recognition of the activities carried out abroad.

We have about 250 agreements with European Universities allowing 300 students to study abroad, and about 20 agreements with extra-European Universities in countries such as Australia, China, Japan, USA, Canada and Latin America countries, allowing 30 students' mobilities per year.

The School offers **Double Degree** programs in the Master degree in Finance and Risk management, in the Master degree in Economics and Development and in the Master degree in Accounting, Auditing e Controllo.

At the end of the two years course both partner institutions issue a degree certificate.

The School, in collaboration with the central university offices, offers information and **orientation services** such as: prospective students guidance, with the goal to encourage a conscious and satisfactory choice of the degree programme; students guidance, offered to all the students enrolled, with the aim to advise, support and reduce the time to obtain the degree and the number of students who give up; graduates guidance, supporting students approaching the job market and reducing unemployment time.

The University of Florence is deeply committed in offering **equal opportunities of education** to students with disabilities, in order to support and facilitate their integration within the University. The Unifi Include service offers assistance and support to these students.

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Curriculum in Development Economics

First year

Development Microeconomics	9
Development Macroeconomics	9
Statistical Inference	9
<i>choose two between</i>	12
- Economics of Innovation	
- Human Development and International Cooperation	
- Health and education economics	
<i>choose one between</i>	6
- Mathematical methods for economic analysis	
- Measurement and causes of poverty	
- Corporate governance, bank management and sustainable finance	12
<i>choose 6 ECTS between</i>	6
- Econometrics Lab	
- Economics Lab	
- Stata Lab I: Software	
- Stata Lab II: Models and applications	
- English for economics	
- Spanish	
- French	
- German	

Second year

International trade	6
<i>choose one between</i>	6
- Economic Law	
- International law	
<i>choose two between</i>	12
- Economic history of globalisation	
- International conflict transformation	
- Politics of globalisation and human rights	
- Anthropology and Development	
- Environment and Development	
- Agriculture Development and Poverty	
- Microeconometrics	
- Local and Industrial Development	
- Labour economics and gender	
- History of economic thought	
- Agri-food economics	
Optional courses and/or Traineeship	12
Final examination	21

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Curriculum in Economics

First year

Game Theory and Microeconomics	9
Advanced Microeconomics	6
Advanced Macroeconomics	9
Statistical Inference	6
Mathematics for Economics	9
- Corporate governance, bank management and sustainable finance	12
<i>choose one between</i>	6
- Economic Law	
- International law	

Second year (Track in Economics)

Political economy	6
Microeconometrics	6
Macroeconometrics	6
<i>choose one between</i>	6
- International trade	
- Labour economics and gender	
- Economics of innovation	
- Behavioural economics	
- Public Economics	
- Computational economics	
<i>choose one between</i>	6
- Econometrics Lab	
- Economics Lab (Competition Policy)	
- Mathematics Lab	
- Experimental Economics Lab	
Optional courses and/or Traineeship	12
Final examination	21

Second year (Track in Behavioural Economics)

Political economy	6
Microeconometrics	6
Behavioural and Social Evolution	6
Behavioural economics	6
Experimental Economics Lab	6
Optional courses and/or Traineeship	12
Final examination	21

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