

## Information sheet: Master in Economics and Public Policy

### Why should I study Economics and Public Policy?

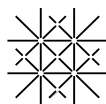
This master's degree program focuses on the economic analysis of political processes and institutions and on state intervention in the market. It is suitable for students who are interested in finding solutions to the challenging situations that arise where the interests of the general population, state institutions and private sector organizations meet.

You will understand and assess economic literature related to the design, consequences and evaluation of public policy and public institutions. You will be able to place such studies in the correct scientific context, to assess the validity of their argumentation, and to draw scientifically appropriate conclusions from them. You will learn to design, conduct and interpret studies on your own, to design and conduct small surveys, to perform econometric analysis of own or existing data, to design and analyze formal economic models, to place your work in an appropriate scientific context, and to build a scientifically sound argument based on your results.

### Admission requirements

Proof of...	Unrounded final grade $\geq 5.0$	GRE® / GMAT® if unrounded final grade $< 5.0$ <sup>1</sup>	75 CP bus. & econ., thereof 50 CP econ.	6 CP mathematics	6 CP statistics	Admission w. requirements / conditions possible
Bachelor's degree...						
...in business and economics at the University of Basel	x	x	given	given	given	
...in business and economics from a recognized Swiss university	x	x	x	x	x	x
... in business and economics from a recognized non-Swiss university	x	x	x	x	x	x
...with business and economics as a degree subject at the University of Basel	x	x	x	x	x	x
...in business and economics from a recognized university of applied science	x		x	x	x	x
..in related degree programs from a recognized university-level higher education institution	x	x	x	x	x	x
...in a non-business and economics field programs from a recognized university-level higher education institution	x	x	x	x	x	

<sup>1</sup> Your test results in "Quantitative Reasoning" and "Analytical Writing" must be among the top 30%.



### What language skills are needed?

The language of instruction is English. Some classes may be held in German. However, the minimum required CP in all modules can be achieved with classes that are held in English. The degree program can, therefore, be completed without German language skills.

We recommend a level of at least C1 in English. You are not required to provide proof of language skills. However, any level below C1 may be a considerable handicap during your studies.

In case of an admission with requirements and / or conditions, you have to complete undergraduate courses during or before studying on the Master's degree level. Since several Bachelor courses at the University of Basel are not offered in English, these requirements / conditions may have to be met at another University in case attending German lectures seems unsuitable for you. In that case, we advise you to contact the program coordinator ([mepp-wwz@unibas.ch](mailto:mepp-wwz@unibas.ch)) to discuss your options.

### When can I start and what is the regular study duration?

The Master in Economics and Public Policy consists of 90 CP and is designed as a three semester program starting in fall (30 CP per semester). However, registration is also possible in spring semester but may result in an extension to the regular period of study.

You can also study part-time. In that case, we recommend you to complete at least 15 CP per semester. The study time will be prolonged accordingly.

### How do I apply for admission?

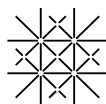
Your application for admission to the master's program should be addressed to the Student Administration Office which is the central admissions office at the University of Basel. It will examine whether you meet the formal admission criteria. We do not offer any pre-assessment of your documents. Detailed information on our admission regulations can be found on the University of Basel [website](#).

If you meet the admission criteria, the next step involves an assessment, conducted by the Faculty of Business and Economics. The Student Administration Office will then send you a letter of admission, informing you of your admission and placement.

### What forms of admission are possible?

For admission, we distinguish between:

- Admission **without** conditions or additional requirements
- Admission **with additional requirements**, i.e., you must make up credit from the bachelor's program (up to a maximum of 60 credit points). The additional requirements must be met by a set deadline during the master's program. They are not credited to the master's program, but they will appear in your degree transcript.
- Admission **with conditions**, i.e., you must make up credit from the bachelor's program (up to a maximum of 60 credit points). The conditions must be met by a set deadline before the



master's program begins and you may only take courses from the master's program once the conditions are fulfilled. The conditions are not credited to the master's program.

- Admission **with additional requirements and conditions**

### How is the program structured?

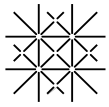
Module	Content	Credit Points (ECTS)
Fundamentals	Methodological foundations of economics.	15
Core Courses	Subject-based and methodological foundations on which the master's program is built.	15
Policy Fields	Diverse aspects of public policy broken down into three sub-groups. You must earn at least 9 CP in one field. If you complete more, the minimum number of credit points of the field electives is reduced accordingly.	≥ 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition and Regulation</li> <li>• Environment and Energy</li> <li>• Health and Labor</li> </ul>		
Field Electives	Selection of classes for further subject-based specialization in the area of quantitative methods or confrontation with a more interdisciplinary perspective.	0 - 12
Preparation Master's Thesis	Colloquia 3 CP (discussion, research design and presentation, each 1 CP) plus one seminar course 6 CP	9
General Electives	All other courses of our master's curriculum that are not included in the above mentioned modules.	0 - 12
Master's Thesis	Detailed information can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	18 or 30
<b>Total</b>		<b>90</b>

### How do I complete the "Preparation Master's Thesis" module?

This module consists of two parts:

- 1 master's seminar (6 CP), where you can choose and apply for a selection of seminar
- 1 colloquium (made up of three separate classes, worth 1 CP each)

Students will attend the colloquium over the course of three semesters. During these steps, various stages of the master's thesis will be presented and discussed. In the first semester, you will listen to master's thesis presentations from advanced students and provide feedback. In the second semester, you will present a disposition/research design for your own master's thesis. In the third semester, you will present your own master's thesis and receive feedback for your final version. If you are planning to spend more than three semesters on the master's program, you may leave a gap of one or more semesters between the three classes. However, you must participate at least once in each role, i.e., discussion, presentation of disposition and presentation of master's thesis. You can only take the colloquium as a student of the master's program Economics and Public Policy.



### Do you still have some unanswered questions?

You will find answers if you...

- consult the [study guide](#) and specifically section 11.3
- have a look at the [medium-term curriculum](#)
- contact the program coordinator: [mepp-wwz@unibas.ch](mailto:mepp-wwz@unibas.ch)