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ECAR offers an opportunity to obtain excellent education in economics with a focus on the applicability to economies of the Arab region. For me as an Egyptian PhD-student who studied in Germany, I believe that studying in Germany and the Arab region within a group of international students is a unique chance for experiencing cultural exchange and enhancing intercultural competences.



Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk

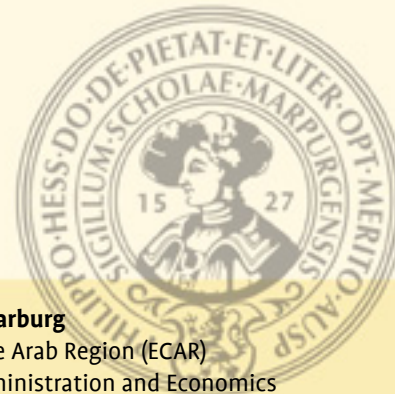
In my opinion, ECAR represents a significant step towards the internationalisation of our study programme. Moreover, it offers an exceptional chance to achieve exchange between the academic sectors in the Arab region and Germany. I am looking forward to the participants in our programme, who will gain a unique qualification and thus become experts and innovators for such an important region.



Tobias Caris, ECAR cohort 2009

Building upon my first degree, a BSc in International Economics that combined Modern Standard Arabic with mainstream economics, ECAR offered me a singular opportunity to focus on the economies of the MENA region within an intercultural study environment. Adding to these factors first-hand experiences in the field of German development cooperation strongly increased my employment opportunities.

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Master of Arts in
Economic Change in the Arab Region



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What is the idea behind ECAR?

- Arab countries are in different states of economic development
- A common feature is the combination of badly designed institutions and an inadequately trained local workforce: two factors that represent obstacles to entering a path of sustainable economic development
- ECAR aims at training economists who will be able to analyse current economic conditions in the Arab region and to employ their education to contribute to potential solution concepts
- The focus on economic education is supplemented by an emphasis on the conveyance of intercultural awareness
- Direct experience of one's subject of study is crucial: ECAR lectures are taking place in Cairo and the Master's thesis can be written during a one-semester stay in the Arab Region

How does ECAR work?

- Preparatory courses covering economics, languages, soft skills, and intercultural topics
- Three semesters with a total of 90 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits
- First semester focusing on modern economic methodology and Arab economies
- Second semester consisting of courses in advanced economics and specialised topics of the Arab region
- Third semester comprising internship or field research and Master's thesis in the Arab Region
- Specialisation during second and third semester through elective courses and choice of thesis topic
- Training in form of German and Arab language courses possible during the whole study period
- Financial support through more than 10 DAAD scholarships available for selected applicants

How does the programme structure look like?

| Presemester (Cairo) | 1st Semester (Marburg) | 2nd Semester (Marburg) | 3rd Semester (Arab Region) |
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| Aug 2012 – Oct 2012 | Oct 2012 – Mar 2013 | Apr 2013 – Sep 2013 | Oct 2013 – Mar 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics Module • Intercultural Module • Language Module • Soft Skills Module | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab-European Economies • Economic Analysis • Change Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economies of the Arab Region • Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis • Advanced Microeconomic Analysis • Development, Institutions, and Economic Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship / Field Research • Master's Thesis |
| | ECTS credits: 30 | ECTS credits: 30 | ECTS credits: 30 |

How do I finance my programme participation?

- Financing through DAAD scholarship or on self-financing basis possible
- No tuition fees for participation in core curriculum
- Self-financing students cover costs for participation in extra-curricular activities

What are the application requirements?

- First degree in economics or related studies
- 72 ECTS minimum in economics-related modules
- Proof of English language proficiency
- General eligibility is independent of nationality
- Scholarship eligibility is restricted to certain nationalities

How do I get further information?

Website: www.uni-marburg.de/ecar
 Enquiries: ecar@wiwi.uni-marburg.de

Application Deadline 31 March 2012

How do I benefit from ECAR?

- Education in modern economics with a profound knowledge of the Arab economies
- Dynamic study environment through small class sizes and a regular exchange with teaching staff
- Training of key qualifications by means of application training, intensive tutorial work, and essay-writing
- Hands-on experiences and insights through extracurricular activities
- Employability through a combination of ready-to-use and theoretical components
- ECAR Master's degree qualifies for job opportunities in the private and public sector
- Development of strong intercultural competences

