

Introductory Meeting Economics of the Middle East (EMEA)

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Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS)



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Examinations Office of School of Business & Economics

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- Job Portal of CNMS: https://www.uni-marburg.de/de/cnms/centrum/stellenangebote
- **Job Portal of Uni-Marburg:** https://www.uni-marburg.de/de/universitaet/administration/verwaltung/dezernat2/personalabteilung/bewerb
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Basic degree facts

 EMEA is organised by the School of Business & Economics and the Center for Near and Middle East Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg.

Duration: 4 semesters Workload: 120 ECTS

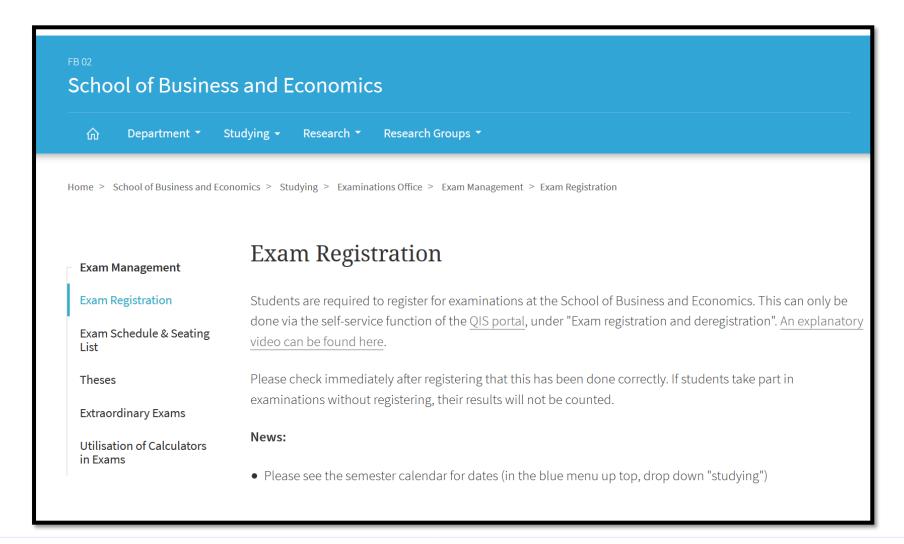
Degree: Master of Science, single degree

Location: Marburg; optional semester abroad possible

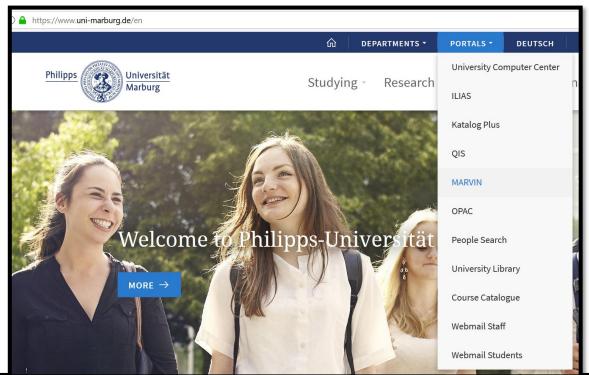
- The EMEA studies are governed by 'study and exam regulations'.
- You can look up details in the <u>official regulations as per 1 February</u> 2017 (English version);
- Questions <u>emea@uni-marburg.de</u> or exam office (<u>https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/examinations-office</u>).

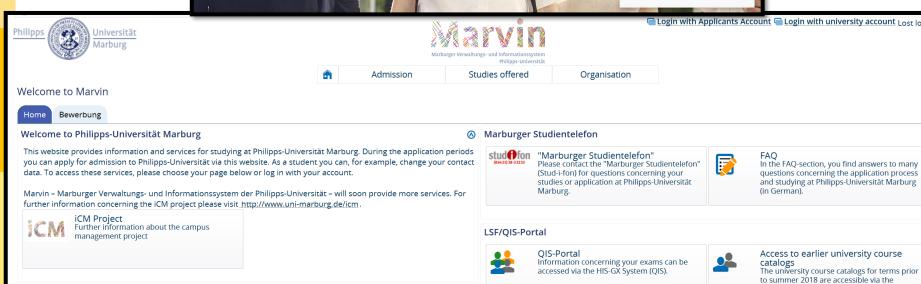


• Link to earlier slide on exam regulations, keep in mind the following: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/examinations-office/exam-management/exam-registration









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iCM News: integriertes Campus-Management

Message from 11.09.2018 at 16:55 o'clock

MARVIN trifft ILIAS - Schnittstelle zur Vereinfachung der Lehrorganisation nimmt Probebetrieb auf

Über das Campus Management System MARVIN automatisiert ILIAS-Kurse erzeugen

formerly used HIS-GX-system LSF.

Registration for courses

- YouTube Video on functions of Marvin (turn on automatically generated English subtitles!): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KoZ8afekrs
- New YouTube Video on functions of Marvin (turn on automatically generated English subtitles!): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr9GlAX0vpg
- Marvin guide and other information: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/international-programmes/incomings/downloads
- FAQ for international students: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/faq-englisch
- Information on student accounts: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/practical-infos/internet



Structure of the EMEA programme

The curriculum is structured into three-levels:

- Study areas
 - Modules
 - Courses

You can find this structure online to plan your courses for each semester on the **MARVIN** portal.



Study areas

There are five study areas plus the thesis. Between brackets are the Workload or ECTS – Total 120.

Introduction to the MENA Region [12]

Electives [24]

Economic Analysis [12]

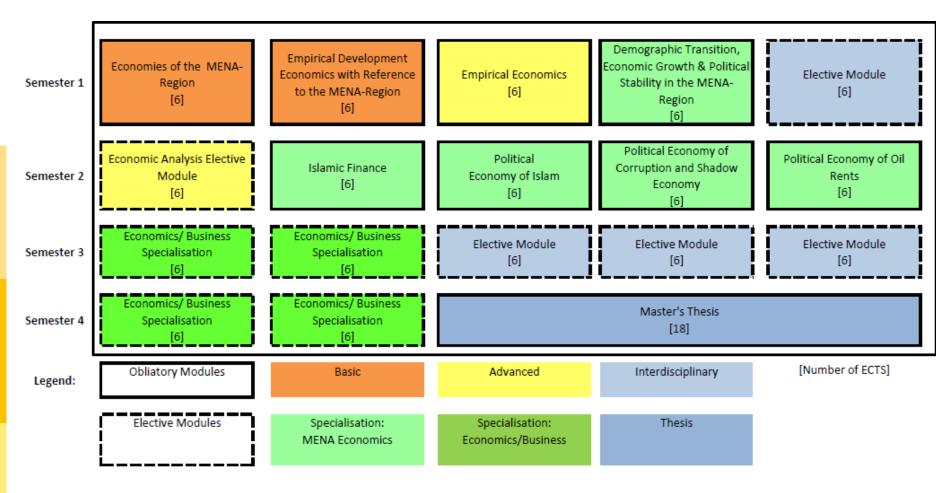
Specialisation [24]

MENA Economics [30]

Master Thesis [18]



Exemplary study plan



It is possible to complete your studies in more than the envisaged four semesters.



Some modules are obligatory while others can be elected.

Obligatory Module [Workload] Elective Module [Workload]



Introduction to the MENA Region [12]

Introduction to the Economies of the MENA-Region [6]

Empirical Development
Economics with Reference
to the MENA-Region
[6]



Economic Analysis [12]

Empirical Economics [6]

International Institutional Economics [6]

Theoretical Economics [6]

Theoretical Institutional Economics [6]

MENA Economics [30]

Demographic Transition,
Economic Growth &
Political Stability in the
MENA-Region
[6]

Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy
[6]

Islamic Finance [6]

Political
Economy of Islam
[6]

MENA Economics [6]

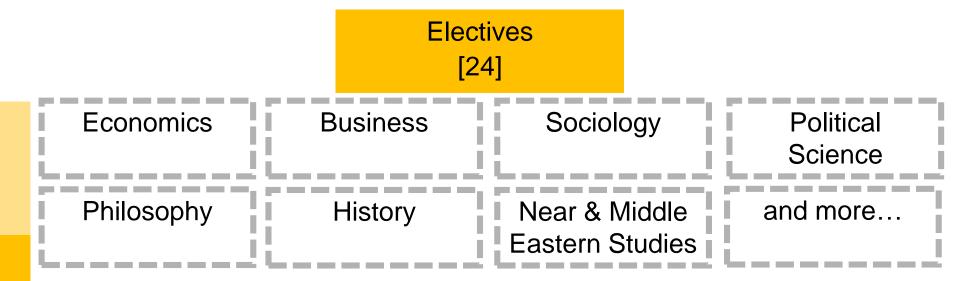


Specialisation [24]

Management

- You choose **one specialisation** and **must stay on this track**. A mix of modules between specialisations is not possible.
- **Solution:** You may elect courses from another specialisation than yours in the study area "Electives".
- There are **many modules** on offer **for each track**. Design a track with your favourite modules to reach the workload of 24 ECTS.





- Choose from numerous options in <u>the import module</u> list (will be updated soon). Note that other faculties teach courses mainly in German.
- Please respect that faculties have their own rules regarding module/course/exam registration, attendance, assignments, etc.



Master's thesis

You have **four months to complete the thesis**. Its focus must be on the MENA region, e.g., case studies or comparative analyses.

To **register the thesis**, you **must have acquired 48 ECTS** in the study areas Introduction to the MENA Region, Economic Analysis, MENA Economics, Specialisations and Electives. You must have passed the module Empirical Economics.

When the time for the thesis approaches, **present your ideas to potential supervisors** and check with them the project's feasibility.

Once you have a supervisor, **approach the Examinations Office** to officially **register your thesis**.



Study Areas (hold)			
Modules (O= Obligatory, E= Elective)			
Introduction to the MENA-Region		12	
Economies of the MENA-Region	0	6	
Empirical Development Economics with Reference to the MENA-Region	0	6	
Economic Analysis		12	
Empirical Economics	0	6	
International Institutional Economics	E	6	
Theoretical Institutional Economics	E	6	
Theoretical Economics	E	6	
MENA Economics		30	
Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA-Region	0	6	-
Islamic Finance	0	6	
Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy	0	6	
Political Economy of Islam	0	6	
MENA Economics	0	6	
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Theoretical Economics	E	6	
Theoretical Institutional Economics	E	6	
International Institutional Economics	E	6	
Law and Economics	E	6	
Public Economics	E	6	
Cooperative Economics	E	6	
Seminar on Institutional Economics	E	6	
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First Semester Courses (recommended)

Obligatory courses

- Empirical Macroeconomics, 6 credits (teaching online)
- Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East, 6 credits (teaching and examination online)
- Empirical Economic Development with Reference to the MENA region,
 6 credits (teaching and examination online)
- Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA Region, 6 credits (teaching and examination online)
- One elective course with 6 credits. Two courses are offered:
 - Microeconomics (teaching online)
 - Behavioral Economics (teaching online)



First Semester Courses

Alternative course choices are possible

 For example, you could choose an additional module in the area Economic Analysis and defer a module for the study area Electives to a later semester.



Courses in coming semesters

- The MARVIN portal gets updated for the next semester at the end of a term (August/September or February/March).
- You can find general information about coming semesters earlier:
 Research groups list their long term teaching cycle on their website,
 e.g., <u>Economics of the Middle East Research Group</u>



https://www.uni-marburg.de/de/cnms/wirtschaft/studium/kursplanung

	SOSE 2020	WISE 2020	SOSE 2021	WISE 2021	SOSE 2022	WISE 2022
Master-Kurse						
Political Economy of Islam	✓	Х	√	X	√	X
Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy	√	X	√	X	√	Х
Political Economy of Oil Rents	✓	X	√	X	√	X
Empirical Development Economics with reference to the MENA	X	✓	X	√ *	X	✓
Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA Region	X	√	X	√ *	X	√
Islamic Finance	✓	Х	√	Х	√	X



Stay informed about extracurricular events: www.uni-marburg.de/cnms/nadima

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You will receive grades according to the following scale:

13-15: Very good

– 10-12: Good

– 7-9: Satisfactory

- 5-6: Sufficient

- 0-4: Fail

- In Marburg, marks are given within an interval ranging from 0 (lowest level) to 15 (highest level) points.
- You have the right to take a look at your marked exams, and if you
 have a potential grading question, you will have the chance to ask
 the examiners for more clarifications.



Due to the COVID-19 situation examination forms might be different, but you still need to register!

- There are two exam periods.
 - First sits are usually held immediately after the lecture period ends.
 - Seconds sits are held towards the end of the official semester.
- You must register for exams in order to take them. If you fail to register within the registration period, you are not allowed to sit the exam.
- Schedules are available on the website of the <u>Examinations Office</u>. (https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/examinations-office/exam-management)



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- Orientation Session and obtaining the TAN lists
 - tba
- Registration for Exams in WS 2020/21: 2 November 2020 15
 January 2021
- Registration for Re-Sit Exams in WS 2020/21: 8 March 11 March 2021 (Depending on the course and the examination method, there might not be a re-sit exam!)
- Check this website for further details regarding registration deadlines https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/calendar



Due to the COVID-19 situation examination forms might be different, but you still have several attempts to pass a course.

Failing exams

- It is possible to take up to three re-sits of one exam. <u>Failing the third</u> re-sit implies being ejected from the EMEA programme!
- Modules can consist of various exam types, e.g., an essay and an exam. You might feel tempted to fail the exam in order to improve your module performance in the second sit.
- However, it might be the case that the module grade is an average of the exam and essay grade. A good mark for the essay might have been enough for you to pass the module with a low overall mark!



Contact

Please visit the website of the Examinations Office to clarify simple questions, e.g., regarding exam schedule, registration, etc.

Link: https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/examinations-office

Under "Exam Management" and then "Exam Registration" there is also a video (in German) that shows you how to register for exams via QIS/LSF.

In case of **specific and urgent questions**, please contact:

Dr. Regine Reck Universitätsstraße 25

Tel.: 06421 / 28 - 23775 Fax: 06421 / 28 - 24858

reck@wiwi.uni-marburg.de



Re-enrollment

- You will have to re-enroll at Philipps-Universität Marburg every semester by paying the semester fee.
- If you reside **abroad during the third semester** you can pay a **reduced enrollment fee.** You must first re-enroll by paying the total fee and then request a refund.

General course organisation

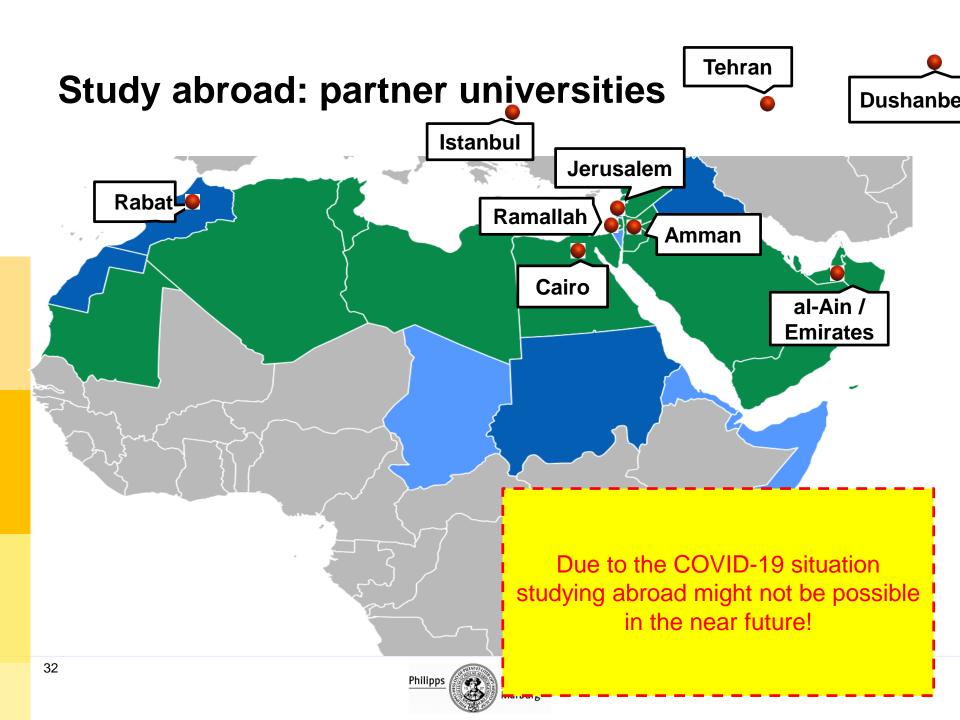
Attending courses

- You should register for lectures and seminars. This can be done
 in the MARVIN Portal (marvin.uni-marburg.de)
- Participation in lectures is strongly recommended. In seminars, you are expected to participate in sessions, especially in block seminars.

Course material and information

- Course news and material will be provided via the learning platform ILIAS. Registration may be automatic when you register through MARVIN.
- Otherwise, you will need an additional password to register for a course, which is normally given in the first lecture.





Study abroad: applying for a study place

- First, take a close look at the list of Marburg University's partners: https://www.uni-marburg.de/de/international/profil/hochschul-kooperationen/erasmus-partnerunis
- 2. Then, contact the International Office (**Ms Binja Homann**) for the application for funding (calculate **7-9 months** for the whole process)
- After that, pls give notice to Dr. Tramontini who will also be available for further advice.

Nota bene: Deadline for leaving in fall 2021 is end of January 2021.

Application for study abroad is competitive since only few places are

available!

Contact at the Center:

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Study abroad: earning credits abroad

- Approach the Transfer Coordinator Mr Lawrence Brown with information about the contents and workload of courses that you will study abroad. https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/examinations-office/recognition/foreign-credit-transfer
- The better the match between foreign and EMEA modules, the higher the chances for transfering credits. You can use any EMEA module, including interdisciplinary modules.
- Back in Marburg, you will have to hand in the original transcript to finalise the credit and grade transfer

Lawrence Brown

Foreign Credit Transfer Coordinator FB02 Universitätsstraße 25 06421 282 3185



Study abroad: earning credits abroad

- Important Notice:
 - For the semester abroad, it is expected that you complete the equivalent of one semester (at least), which would require 30 ECTS.
 - Since the EMEA Study Guidelines only permit 24 ECTS as electives, you should plan to take at least one course (for 6 ECTS) as part of your specialization during your semester abroad.
 - Alternatively you could continue return to Marburg, however that beyond the recommended 4 ser



Study abroad: Planning reliability

- In certain ways, you will begin your study abroad experience in Marburg...
- The foreign university might release the academic calendar or course programme only on short notice.
- Maybe the only way to get a learning agreement is to leave for the stay abroad and showing-up in person at the partner university.
- Please adjust your expectations and be prepared to experience some frictions. Gathering informa students, will help you to anticip with them better!
- We will provide you with support in



Study abroad: Further information

- Mobility Online Portal
- List of Erasmus partner universities
- List of global (non-EU) partner universities
- Erasmus, School of Business & Economics
- Erasmus+ Partner Universities (including MENA region)



Study abroad: information event by FB02

We kindly invite you to join our digital information event on going abroad:

Thursday, 29th of October 2020 11:00-12:00 via BigBlueButton

We will inform you about opportunities at the university and faculty, talk about special conditions due to Covid-19 and try to answer all your questions.

In order to join the meeting, you should **first join our ILIAS group** for Going Abroad: https://unimarburg.de/5TrnA

Next to the virtual BigBlueButton room for next Thursday, you can also find further information and current calls for application there, which might be interesting for you.

Application Deadline for faculty cooperations Erasmus+ Europe and worldwide (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Kobe University, Fordham University) for **the academic year 2021/2022** is **December 15, 2020**

If you have any questions in advance, please contact <u>ausland@wiwi.uni-marburg.de</u>

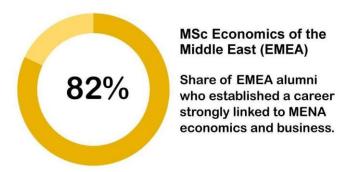


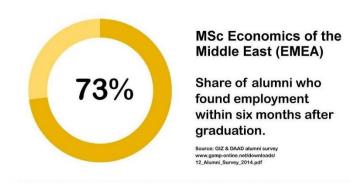
Job perspectives

We have traced the careers of approx. half of our graduates (~40).

Good news: Most of our alumni did not take long to find a 'proper' job!

Our alumni compete successfully for industry, public sector, and NGO positions. A notable number of alumni founded their own business or entered an academic track.





General facilities/services

- German language courses can be taken in addition to the regular curriculum at the language centre (for a small fee).
- As part of your electives, you can opt for CNMS's language courses, e.g., in Arabic, Persian, Turkish.
- You can find literature, including electronic literature, and data using the library catalogue <u>OPAC</u>.
- <u>Marvin</u> allows you to manage your data and to request letters, e.g., to confirm your enrolment and gives information about courses
- ILIAS gives you access to course news and materials.



General facilities/services

- The Center for University Sports offers sports courses every semester. You can try out the courses during the first week of lectures. Just show up and see if you like it. You can register for a small fee. Note that some courses are highly demanded.
- The student cantine (Mensa) and cafés offer affordable snacks, meals and drinks.
- As a student, you can get discounts when visiting museums, cinemas, etc.
- Your student ID is a generous flat fee public transportation ticket. You can make trips to Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Kassel, etc., and use the bus or metro services without further charges.



Thank you for your attendance.

Now we have time for your questions

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