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M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East (EMEA)

Master's Info Day 2026

Philipps-Universität Marburg,
Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS) &
School of Business and Economics,
Economics of the Middle East Research Group
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1. Our team

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CNMS



FB02

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- Currently, our team consists of following members:



Mohammad Reza Farzanegan
(Head of research group)



Ayse Adem
(Secretary)



Sven Fischer
(Postdoc researcher)



Mohammad Haroon Asadi
(PhD candidate & DAAD scholarship holder)



Jana Mourad
(PhD candidate & external teacher)



Gaelle Abi Chedid
(PhD candidate)

1. Our team

- For questions about the EMEA programme, please contact the EMEA team:



Mohammad Reza Farzanegan
(Head of research group)



Sven Fischer
(Postdoc researcher)

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2. Basic degree facts

- **The EMEA programme** is organised by the **School of Business and 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 is possible

- The **programme is governed by the study and exam regulations** (latest regulation: [Version 2024](#)).
- You can look up details in the [regulations as per 1 February 2017](#) (non-official English translation);
- **Questions:** emea@uni-marburg.de or [examination office](#)

3. Structure of the EMEA programme

The curriculum is structured into three-levels:

– Study areas



– Modules



– Courses

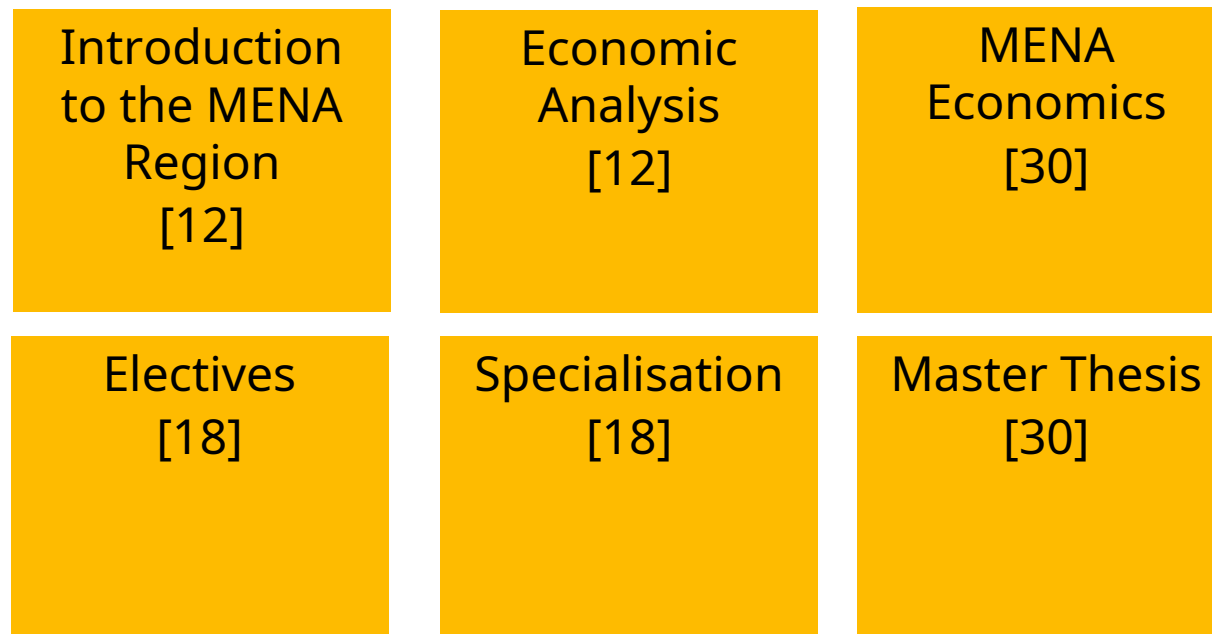


You can find this structure online to plan your courses for each semester in the [MARVIN portal](#).

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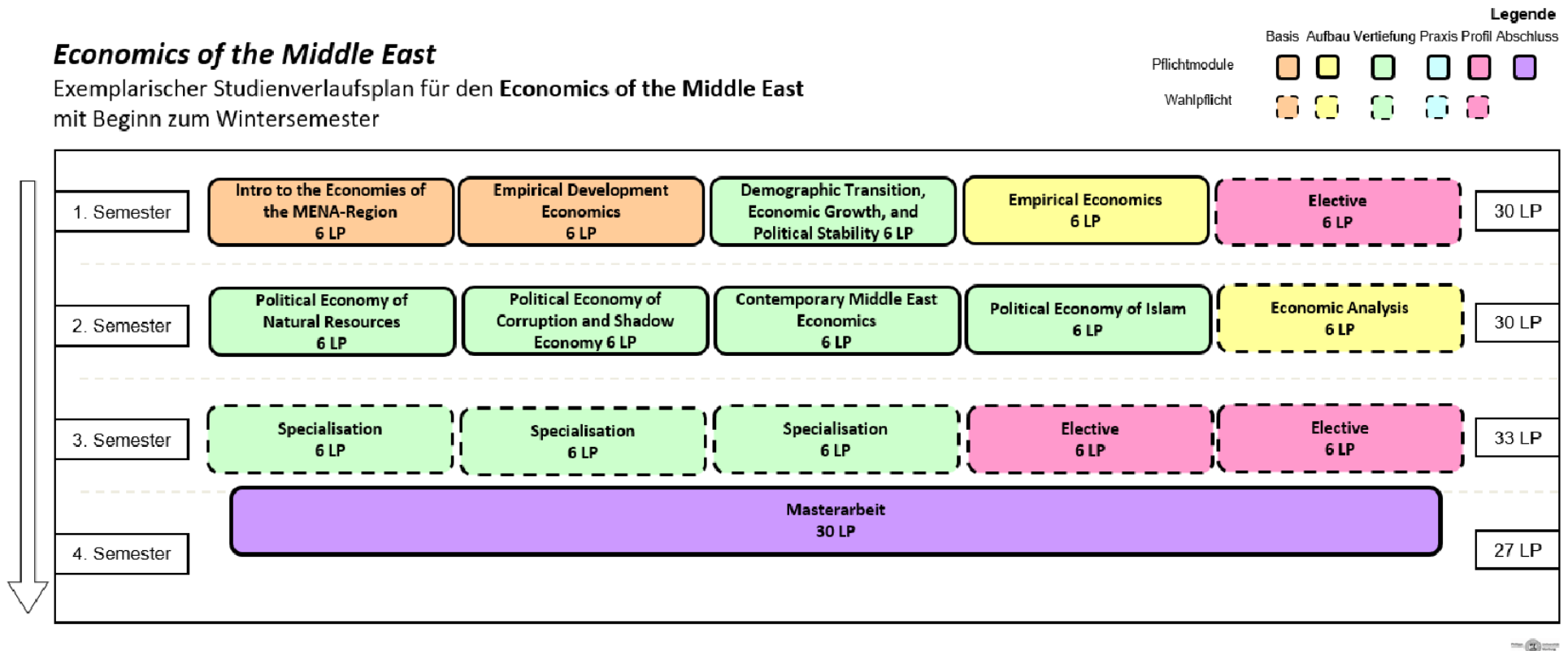
Study areas

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



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Exemplary study plan for start in winter semester



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Exemplary study plan for start in summer semester

Economics of the Middle East

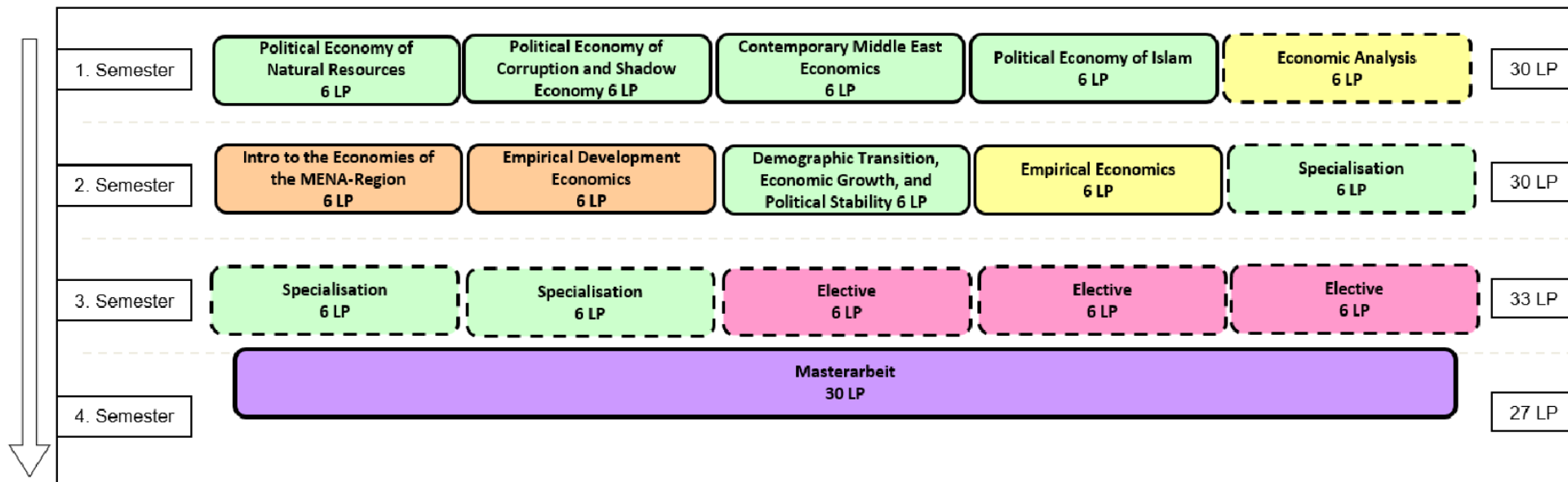
Exemplarischer Studienverlaufsplan für den **Economics of the Middle East** mit Beginn zum Sommersemester

Legende

Basis Aufbau Vertiefung Praxis Profil Abschluss

Pflichtmodule

Wahlpflicht

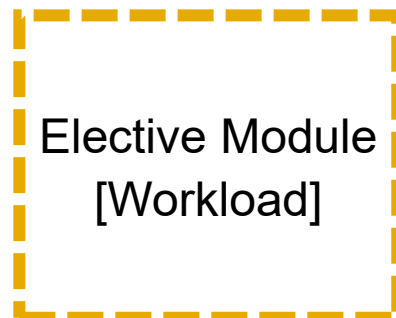


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Modules



Some modules are obligatory while others can be elected.



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Study areas and modules

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

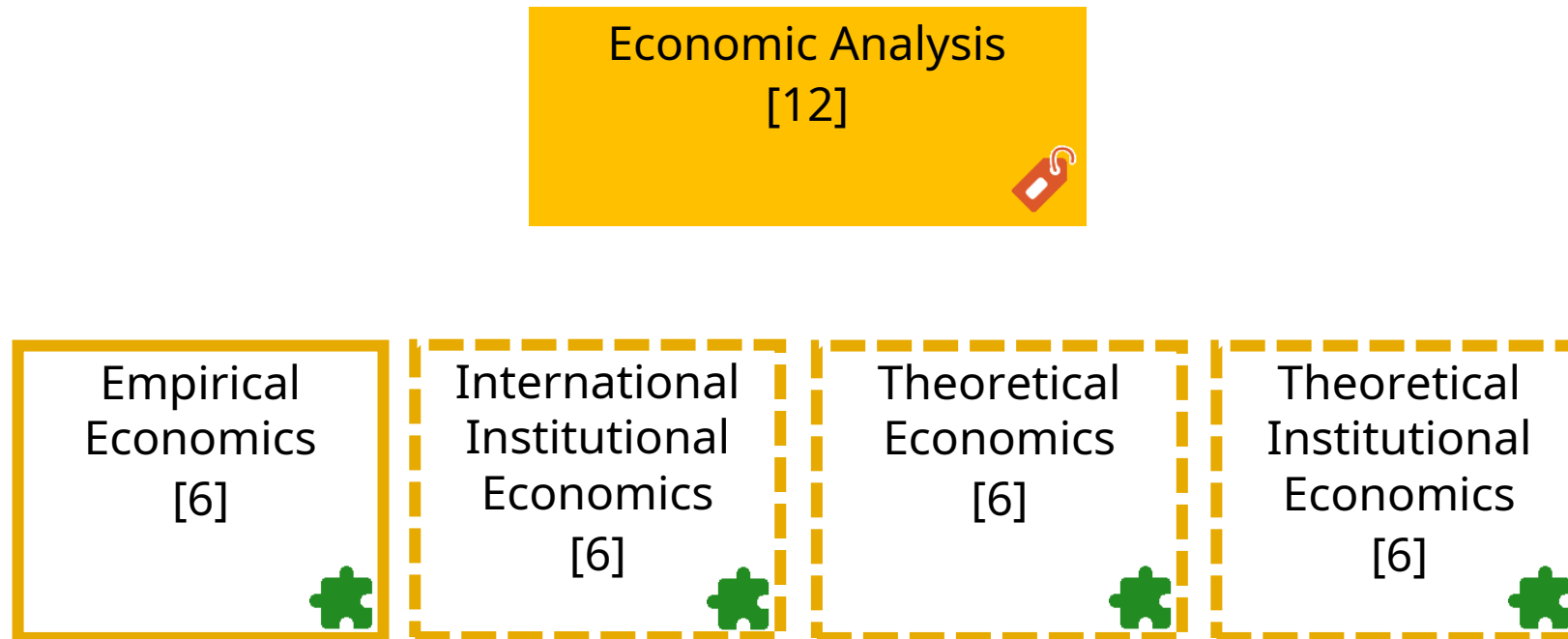


Empirical Development
Economics with Reference to
the MENA-Region
[6]



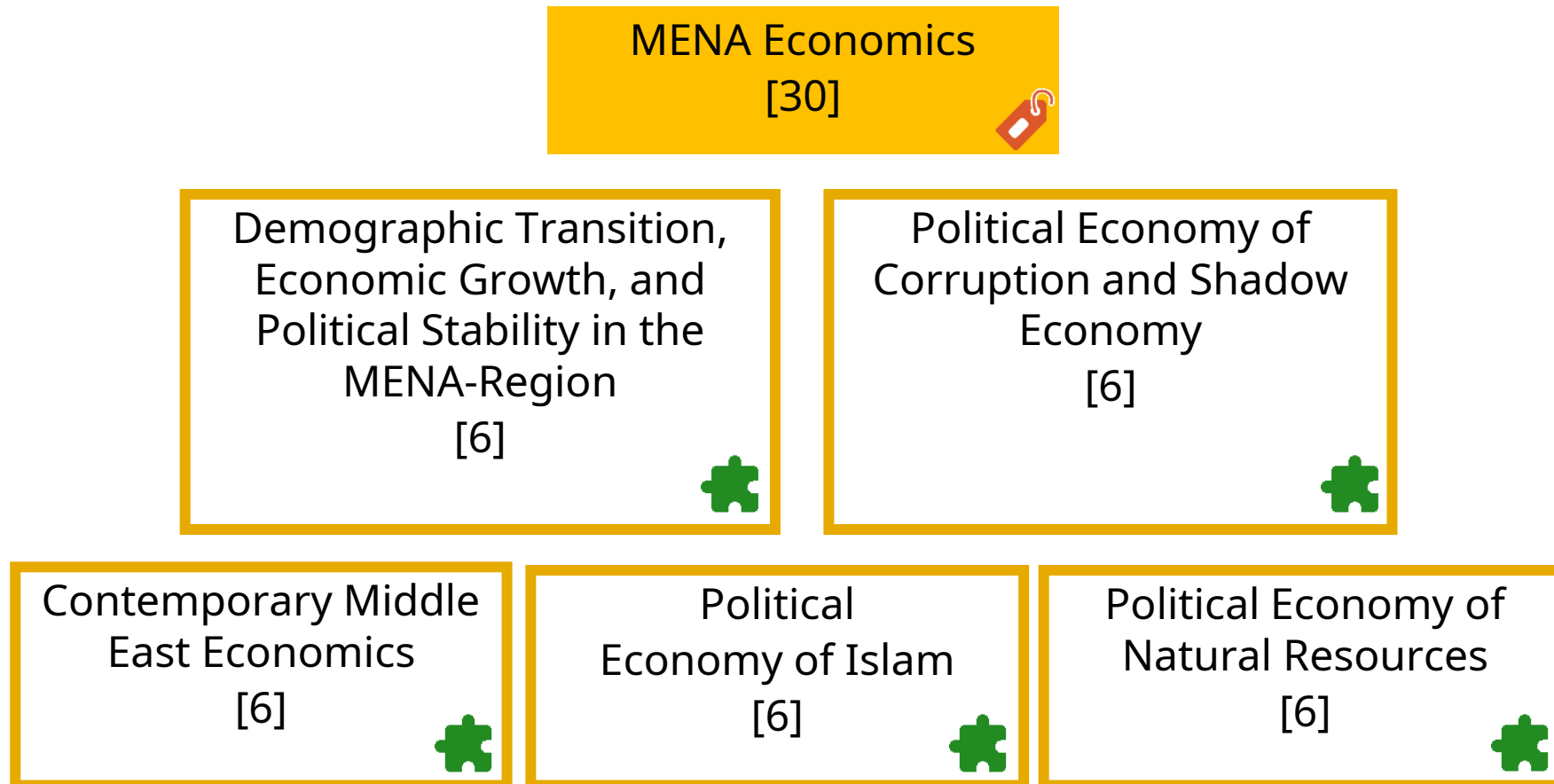
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Study areas and modules



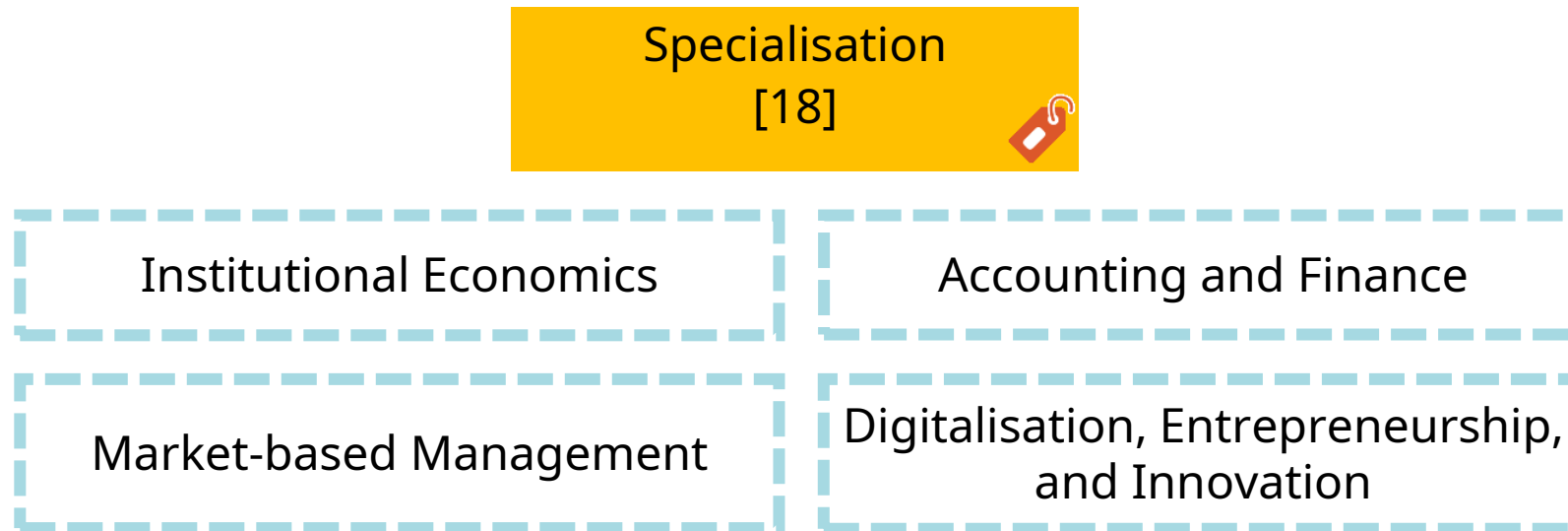
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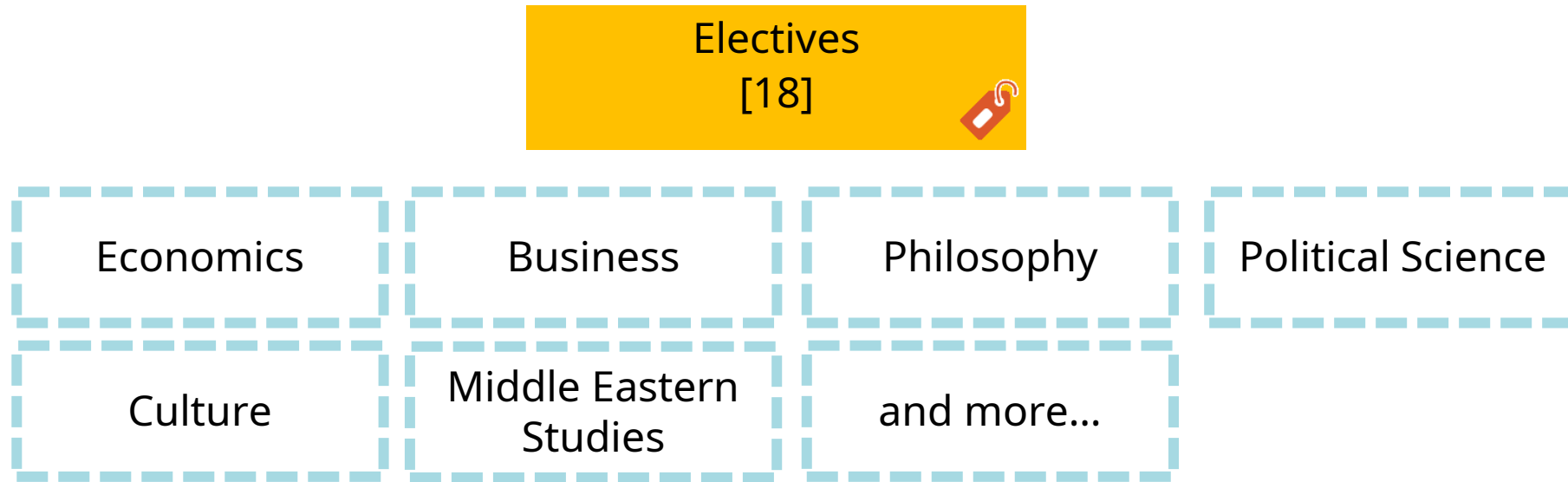
Study areas and modules



- 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 18 ECTS.

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Study areas and modules



- Choose from numerous options in the import module list. 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.

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Study areas and modules

Master Thesis
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You have **six months to complete the thesis**. The topic must have a relevance for the MENA region.

To **register the thesis**, you **must have acquired 48 ECTS** in the study areas Introduction to the MENA Region, Economic Analysis, MENA Economics, and Specialisation.

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**.

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Recommended courses for first semester (**winter**)



- Empirical Macroeconomics, 6 ECTS
- Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East, 6 ECTS
- Empirical Development Economics with Reference to the MENA Region, 6 ECTS
- Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA Region, 6 ECTS
- One elective course with 6 ECTS
- Alternative course selection is possible, but please keep in mind that not all courses are offered each semester. Therefore, we recommend that you first study the mandatory courses.

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Recommended courses for first semester (**summer**)



- Political Economy of Oil Rents, 6 ECTS
- Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy, 6 ECTS
- Contemporary Middle East Economics: Selected Topics, 6 ECTS
- Political Economy of Islam, 6 ECTS
- One course with 6 ECTS from the study area “Economic Analysis”.
- Alternative course selection is possible, but please keep in mind that not all courses are offered each semester. Therefore, we recommend that you first study the mandatory courses.

4. Grading and exam regulation

| Grading System | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| GRADING POINTS | DECIMAL GRADE | GRADE IN WORDS | DEFINITION |
| 15 14 13 | 0,7 1,0 1,3 | outstanding | outstanding performance |
| 12 11 10 | 1,7 2,0 2,3 | good | performance that is significantly above the average requirements |
| 9 8 7 | 2,7 3,0 3,3 | satisfactory | performance that corresponds to average performance requirements |
| 6 5 | 3,7 4,0 | sufficient | performance meets requirements despite its shortcomings |
| 4-0 | 5,0 | not sufficient | performance that does not meet the requirements |

4. Grading and exam regulation

- There are usually two **exam periods** per semester.
 - First sittings are usually held immediately after the lecture period ends.
 - Second sittings 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. The registration period for FB02 is available on the [website](#).
- Schedules are available on the website of the [Examinations Office](#), and you can find all information on dates of exams for each class in the [Marvin portal](#).

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Failing exams

- It is possible to take up to three re-sits of one exam. Failing the third re-sit exam in an obligatory module (failing 4 times in total in one obligatory module) implies being ejected from the EMEA programme!
- Modules can consist of various exam types, e.g., an essay and an exam. It might be the case that the module grade is an average of the exam and essay grade.

Re-enrolment

- To be eligible to participate in exams, you must be enrolled in the university. You will have to **re-enroll** at Philipps-Universität Marburg every semester by paying the [semester fee](#).

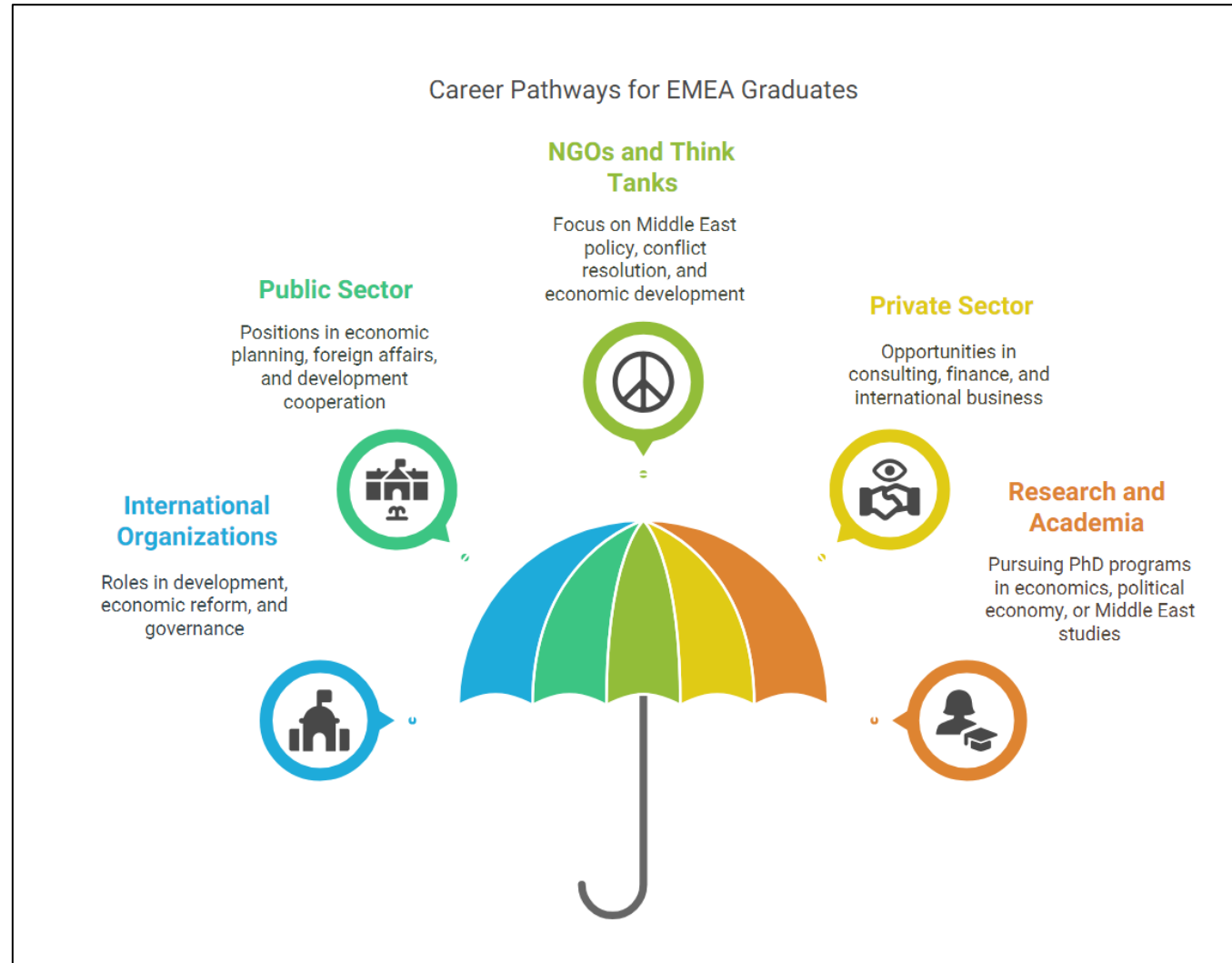
5. Studying abroad, job prospects, and further information



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- The EMEA programme allows students to study a semester abroad, usually in the third semester.
- Some of our students have prepared reports about their stays abroad, which you can find in our website: <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/study-programmes/masters-program-economics-of-the-middle-east-emea/semester-abroad>
- Additionally, the research group sometimes organizes workshops abroad, for example in Oman (see picture on previous slide): <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/cnms/middle-east-economics/research/projects/oman-workshop-2025>
- The EMEA programme is embedded in CNMS, Marburg's hub for Near and Middle Eastern studies, with strong ties to Cairo, Tehran, Amman, and beyond. It provides you an access to an extensive network of regional partner institutions and research platforms. More details: <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/cnms/international/university-cooperations>

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- There is further information on the life in Marburg available on the website of Marburg University (including regulation on how to work during your studies): <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/studying/life-at-umr/work>
- Similar information on working in Germany is also available on the website of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): <https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/work-career/side-jobs/>
- The **International Office** of Marburg University provides also many helpful information for international students in their website: <https://www2.hrz.uni-marburg.de/en/international/from-abroad>

6. Application procedure

- For the winter semester 2026/27, the application for the EMEA programme must be done via [uni-assist](#) (for applicants with non-German Bachelor degree) or via [Marvin portal](#) (for applicants with German Bachelor degree).
- A detailed guide how to apply is available in the [EMEA website](#). It includes a [video tutorial](#) for the uni-assist portal.
- The admission is possible in winter semester (starting in October) and in summer semester (starting in April).
- The application period for admissions to **winter semester 2026/27** has already started on the **1st of April 2026** and will end on **15th of July 2026**.
- The application period for summer semester 2027 will be approximately from October 2026 to mid-January 2027.

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Admission requirements

- **Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in business or theoretical economics** (students currently studying a Bachelor's degree can also apply if they can submit proof of completing at least 80% of the credit hours of their Bachelor's programme)
- **60 ECTS must cover economics and business administration**
(From the mentioned 60 ECTS, at least 18 ECTS must cover theoretical economics)
- **12 ECTS must cover related methodological courses**
- **English language proficiency of level C1 CEFR is required**

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EMEA Admission Criteria (Max. 10 Points | Min. 7 Points Required)

– Academic Grades (Max. 4 pts)

- 1.3–0.7 → 4 pts
- 2.0–1.4 → 3 pts
- 2.8–2.1 → 2 pts
- 3.3–2.9 → 1 pt
- 4.0–3.4 → 0 pts

(Non-German grades are converted to German GPA by uni-assist)

– Economics & Methods Background (Max. 3 pts)

- Theoretical & Business Economics → 1.5 pts
- Methods (e.g. statistics/econometrics) → 1.5 pts

– Motivation Letter & CV (Max. 1 pt)

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- 📞 **Interview (if 5–6.9 pts)**
 - ~20 mins on motivation & economic knowledge
 - Adds up to 2 points

- 🎓 **Admission:**
 - ≥ 7 pts → Admitted
 - 5–6.9 pts → Interview
 - < 5 pts → Not eligible

Thank you for your attendance.

Now we have time for your questions

**We will share the slides of
today's presentation on our website:**

www.uni-marburg.de/en/cnms/middle-east-economics

You can also reach us by email via:

emea@uni-marburg.de

**There is a survey by the organizers of the
Master's Info Day 2026 which you can use for
feedback about the event:**



Link: <https://uni-marburg.de/ItDJdw>



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Thank you for your
attention!

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