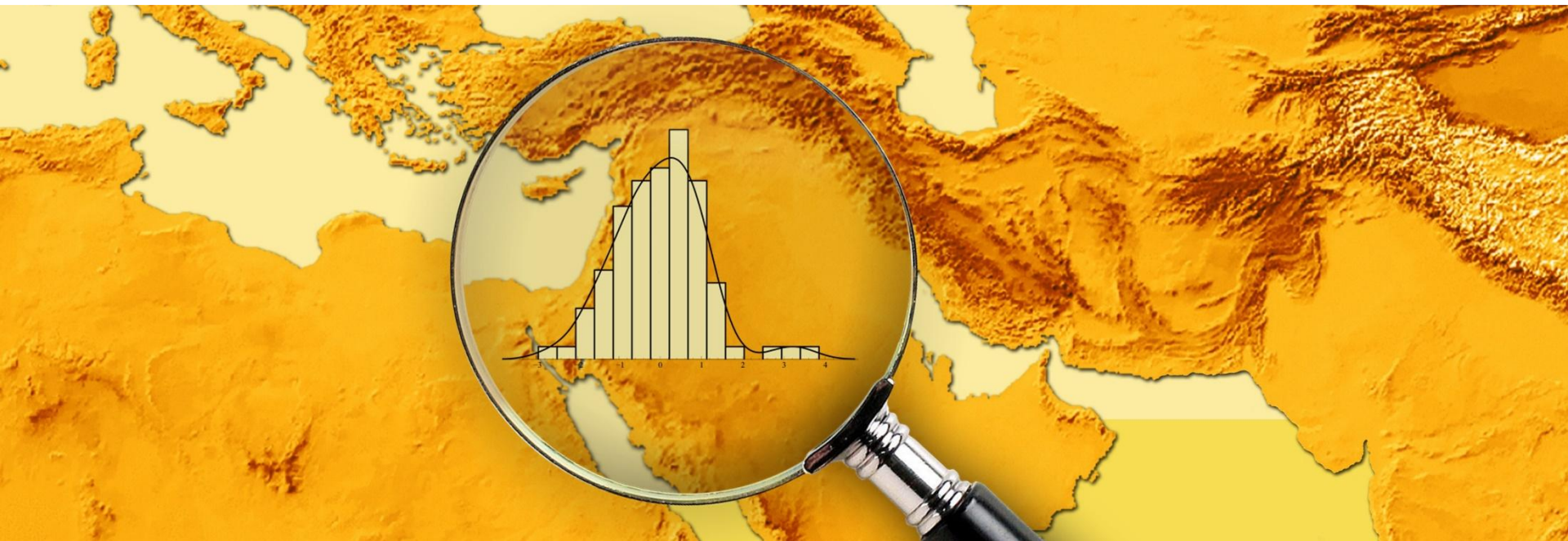


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Introductory Meeting Economics of the Middle East (EMEA)



13 June 2025, Online Master Day

Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Marburg, Germany

CNMS & School of Business and Economics





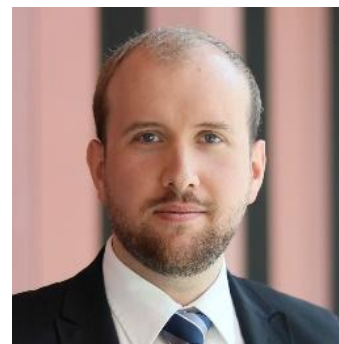
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Research Interests:

- Political economy of natural resources
- Economics of sanctions
- Economics of demographic transition
- Political economy of corruption
- Country focus: Iran

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Teaching

- **Bachelor lectures / seminars:**

- ✓ Political Economy of Middle East (**Winter Semester**)
- ✓ Quantitative Methods for Political Economy of the Middle (**Winter Semester**)

- **M.Sc. lectures / seminars:**

- ✓ Empirical Development Economics with reference to the MENA (**Winter Semester**)
- ✓ Demographic Transition, Economic Growth and Political Stability in the MENA Region (**Winter Semester**)
- ✓ Political Economy of Oil Rents (**Summer Semester**)
- ✓ Contemporary Middle East Economics: Selected Topics (**Summer Semester**)
- ✓ Political Economy of Islam (**Summer Semester**)
- ✓ Political Economy of Corruption & Shadow Economy (**Summer Semester**)



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Research Interests & Publications:

- Political Economy of Natural Disasters, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Energy and Resource Economics, Regional Development

Teaching:

- **Bachelor lecture:**

- ✓ Environmental Economics with Reference to the MENA Region (**Summer Semester**)
- ✓ Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East (Lecture) (**Winter Semester**)

- **Master lecture:**

- ✓ Empirical Development Economics with Reference to the MENA (Tutorial) (**Winter Semester**)
- ✓ Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy (Tutorial) (**Summer Semester**)

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Activities (selected):

- Responsible for administrative issues at Economics as well as Islamic Studies departments at CNMS
- Contact person with students at department
- Logistic support in organization of events, seminars, lectures, exam sessions
- Website administration

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The EMEA program

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 is possible

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

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](#).

Structure of the EMEA programme

Study areas



There are **five study areas** plus the **thesis**. Between brackets are the Workload or **ECTS** – **Total 120**. **Each course has 6 ECTS** (e.g. **12 ECTS covers two courses**).

Introduction to
the MENA
Region
[12]

Economic
Analysis
[12]

MENA
Economics
[30]

Electives
[18]

Specialisation
[18]

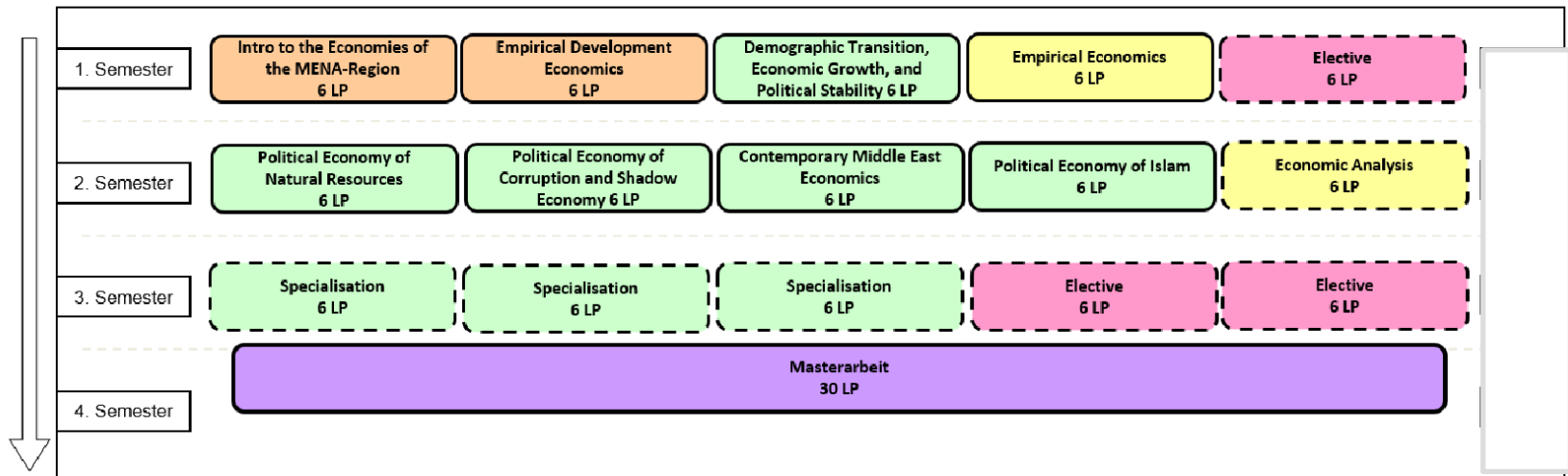
Master Thesis
[30]

Structure of the EMEA programme

Exemplary study plan for start in winter semester (October-March)

Economics of the Middle East

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

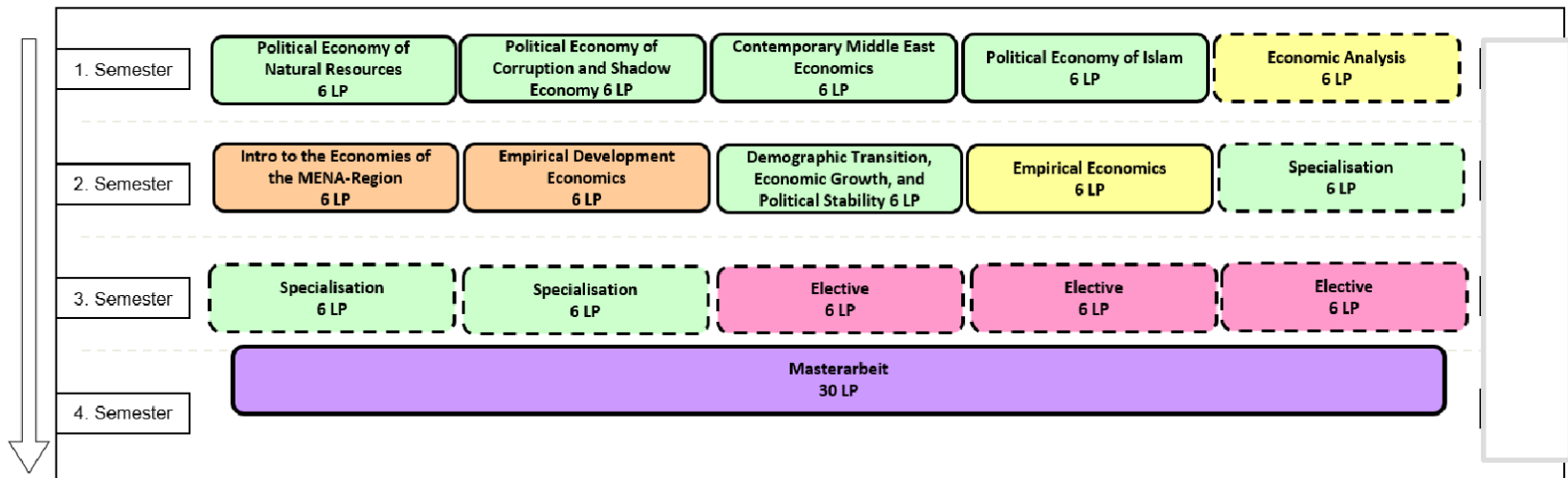


Structure of the EMEA programme

Exemplary study plan for start in summer semester (April-September)

Economics of the Middle East

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



Structure of the EMEA programme

Modules



Some modules are obligatory while others can be elected.

Obligatory
Module
[Workload]

Elective
Module
[Workload]

Structure of the EMEA programme

Study areas and modules

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]



Structure of the EMEA programme

Study areas and modules

Economic Analysis
[12]



Empirical
Economics
[6]



International
Institutional
Economics
[6]



Theoretical
Economics
[6]



Theoretical
Institutional
Economics
[6]



Structure of the EMEA programme

Study areas and modules

MENA Economics
[30]



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



Political Economy of
Corruption and Shadow
Economy
[6]



Contemporary Middle
East Economics
[6]



Political
Economy of Islam
[6]

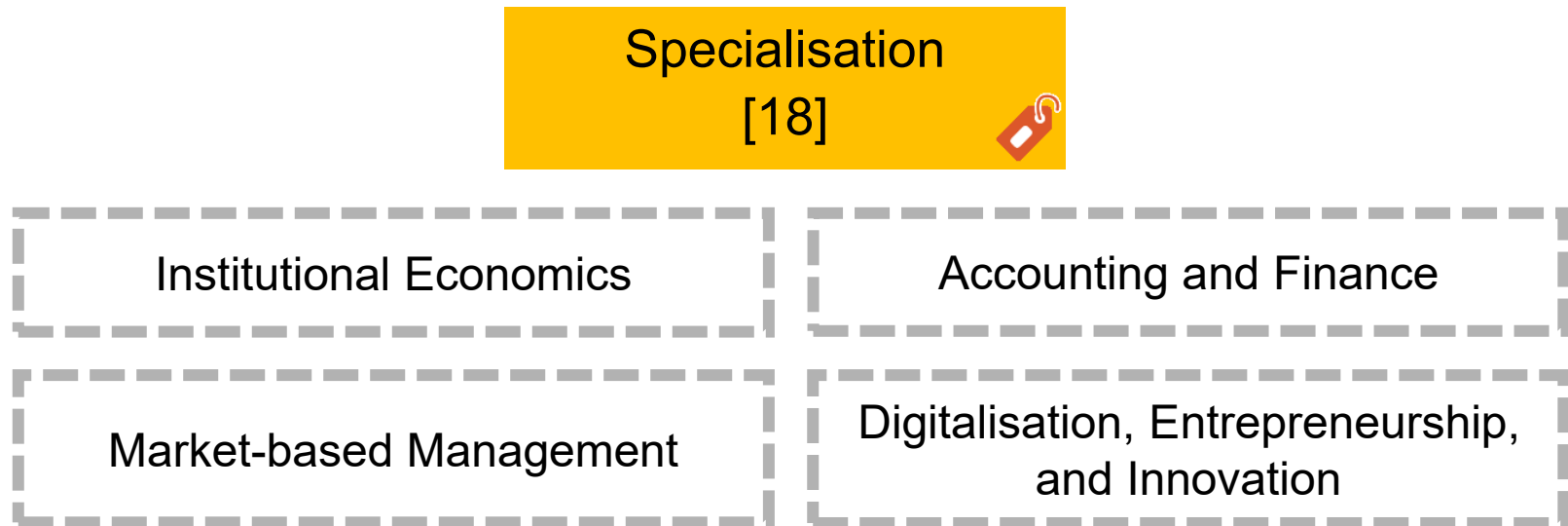


Political Economy of
Natural Resources
[6]



Structure of the EMEA programme

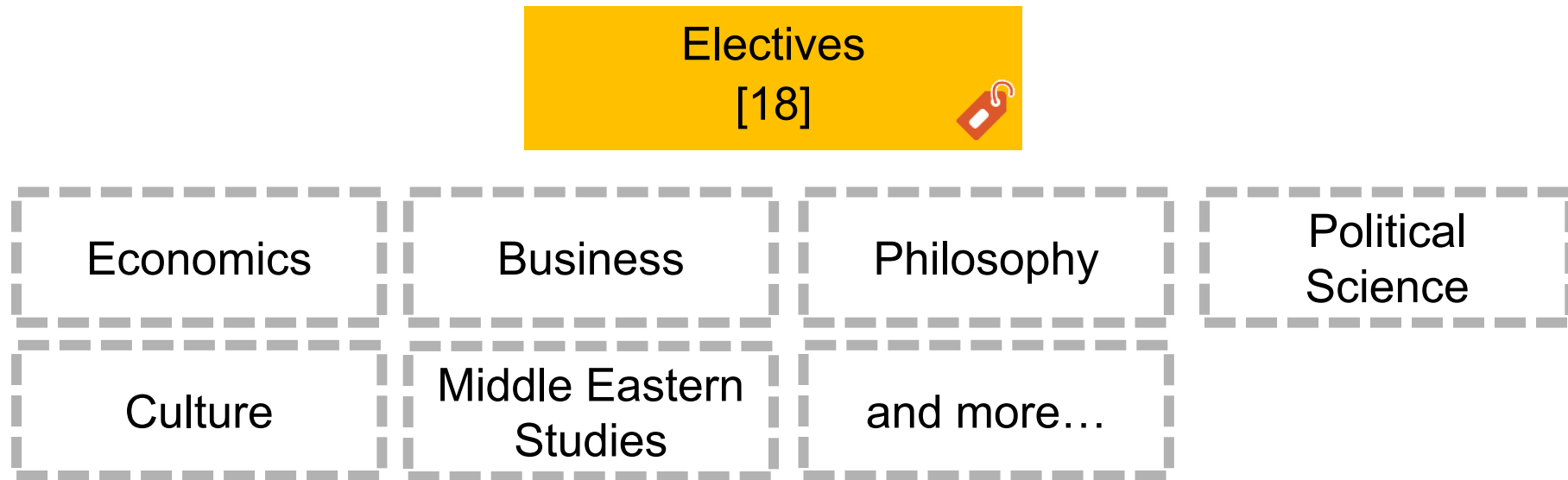
Study areas and modules



- 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.

Structure of the EMEA programme

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.

Structure of the EMEA programme

Master Thesis
[30]

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**.

Study abroad: partner universities

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International Cooperation

International cooperation of the CNMS in the Near and Middle East

The Philipps University of Marburg has given itself a new regional focus by founding the Center for Near and Middle East Studies. Marburg University was the first German university to establish a Liaison Office in Cairo in 2009, taking part in the DAAD initiative COSMENA (Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa). There has been a continuous expansion of its international agreements and cooperation since then. From 2010-2017, the annual *Lessons International Summer University (LISU)* has been organised by the CNMS in cooperation with the *Center for Conflict Studies (CCS)* focussing on the Middle East.

List of international cooperation agreements with partner institutions in the Near and Middle East

DATE	UNIVERSITY
Sept. 2017	Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey
July 2016	Aydın University, Istanbul, Turkey
May 2015	Tagik National State University, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
April 2015	Université Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech, Morocco
Nov. 2014	Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique, EGE, Rabat, Morocco
July 2014	University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan
July 2014	German-Jordanian University, Jordan
April 2014	Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
Jan. 2014	Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran
July 2013	Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt
July 2013	Qatar Faculty for Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Doha, Qatar
March 2013	Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel
Nov. 2012	Mohammed V - Agdal University, Rabat, Morocco
Nov. 2011	Teheran University, Teheran, Iran
March 2011	Ain Shams University (ASU), Cairo, Egypt
July 2010	United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), Al-Ain, Emirates
June 2007	Damascus University, Damascus, Syria (currently not active)
May 2006	Baghdad University, Baghdad, Iraq (currently not active)

List of international cooperation agreements at institute level

Aug. 2013	Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, Israel
2011/12	Yildiz Teknik Üniversitesi und Wedtgepe Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey
Okt. 2011	Faculty for Political and Economic Sciences (FPESS), Cairo University, Cairo
July 2009	Azhar University, Cairo, Faculty of Languages and Translation

University dialogue with Iran

In the years 2016-18, the DAAD was supporting a university dialogue with Iran on the topic of "Natural Disaster Management" (including different Iranian universities in Tehran and Mashhad), with several summer and winter schools taking place in various partner institutions in Tehran and Mashhad and in Marburg. Additionally, in the year's 2020-2022, the DAAD was supporting a university dialogue with Iran (including University of Tehran, Islamic Azad University, and Iranian Strong Motion Network) on the topic of "Socio-Economic, Cultural and Technical Aspects of Natural Disaster Management", with several events in Iran and Marburg.

<https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/cnms/international/university-cooperations>

- Embedded in CNMS — Marburg's hub for Near & Middle Eastern studies, with strong ties to Cairo, Tehran, Amman and beyond
- Access to an extensive network of regional partner institutions and research platforms

Career Perspectives – M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East (EMEA)

Career Pathways for EMEA Graduates

NGOs and Think Tanks

Focus on Middle East policy, conflict resolution, and economic development



Public Sector

Positions in economic planning, foreign affairs, and development cooperation



Private Sector

Opportunities in consulting, finance, and international business



Research and Academia

Pursuing PhD programs in economics, political economy, or Middle East studies



International Organizations





Roles in development, economic reform, and governance




Application Deadlines

-  **Winter Semester 2025/26**
 - Application opens: **1 April 2025**
 - **Deadline: 15 July 2025**
-  **Summer Semester 2026**
 - Application opens: **1 October 2025**
 - **Deadline: 15 January 2026**
-  **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**


Eligibility Requirements for EMEA Admission

-  **Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent)**
 - Ongoing students can apply if $\geq 80\%$ of credits are completed
-  **Economics & Business Coursework**
 - Min. **60 ECTS** in economics/business
 - Of which **18 ECTS** must be in theoretical economics
-  **Methods Coursework**
 - Min. **12 ECTS** in relevant methodological courses
-  **English Proficiency**
 - **C1 level (CEFR)** required

Application documents

- **Required Documents (Upload via uni-assist)**
-  Submit the following via the **uni-assist portal**:

(See uni-assist for rules on document certification)

- ✓ **Bachelor's degree certificate**
 - ✓ **Transcript of records**
 - ✓ **Official grading system explanation**
 - ✓ **CV** (max. 1 page, tabular format)
 - ✓ **Motivation letter** (in English, max. 2 pages)
 - ✓ **Proof of English proficiency (C1 CEFR)** as per university requirements
-  Early submission recommended to avoid delays

Submission of Application Documents

How to Apply (Online via uni-assist)




Step-by-Step Guide





1. Register on the **uni-assist portal**
2. Log in → Search for “**Economics of the Middle East**” (select correct semester)
3. Click on the programme → Start application
4. Complete online forms + **upload all required documents**
5. Save & return later if needed
6. Before submitting: **double-check info & documents**
7. Submit **early** to avoid delays



No postal submission required

EMEA Admission Criteria (Max. 10 Points | Min. 7 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 Econ → 1.5 pts
 - Methods (e.g. statistics/econometrics) → 1.5 pts
-  **Motivation Letter & CV (Max. 1 pt)**
-  **Interview (if 5–6.9 pts)**
 - ~20 mins on motivation & econ knowledge
 - Adds up to 2 points
-  **Admission:**
 - ≥ 7 pts → Admitted
 - 5–6.9 pts → Interview
 - < 5 pts → Not eligible

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- <https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb02/studying/study-programmes/masters-program-economics-of-the-middle-east-emea/faq>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Thank you for your attention!



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