School of Business, Economics and Society at a glance

The School of Business, Economics and Society is one of the most reputable schools of its kind with over 6,000 students, more than 45 professors, a global network of contacts and one of the broadest range of subjects offered at any university in the German-speaking world. Today, the School continues to serve as an important university think tank and a highly sought-after local partner for the European Metropolitan Region Nuremberg. The city of Nuremberg provides a unique combination of historic backdrop from the Middle Age and modern lifestyle, Franconian flair and student life. The rich traditions of this center of trade create an atmosphere that is at once peaceful and vibrant. Nuremberg is host to a large variety of international trade fairs and is home to several global enterprises.

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B.Sc. International Economic Studies

The Bachelor’s degree in International Economic Studies (B.Sc.) is a perfect start into a professional career as an economist, whether you aim to work in business, government or academia. The three-year program provides you with all essential knowledge for understanding and analyzing the economy and economic policy. The distinct international perspective of the program reflects the growing importance of international economic integration and emphasizes the comparative study of economic policies. The program consists of core and elective modules in a variety of fields, such as international economics, international business, and international politics. The international perspective is complemented by a mandatory semester abroad that is integrated into the curriculum.

Target group

The program is designed for high-school graduates interested in economics with an international perspective. The program also prepares students to pursue graduate studies in economics, business, or public administration. In order to apply, you need a higher education entrance qualification. This is typically a qualified secondary school diploma, though sufficient professional qualification may serve as a substitute depending on approval by the university. The degree program is taught in English throughout. Therefore, proficient knowledge of the English language is an essential prerequisite to successfully complete the degree program.

Competencies

The program provides a sound understanding of the basic principles of economics, accounting, statistics and quantitative analysis. It enables students to understand and analyze specific problems related to international economics and economic policy. This includes the ability to generate a quantitative assessment using the appropriate statistical and econometric methods as well as fluency in at least one non-native language. The compulsory stay abroad as well as seminars provide students with important intercultural competencies that are necessary for a successful career in international economics.

Career opportunities

The curriculum provides graduates with the required skills to enter a professional position in a variety of institutions that are concerned with economic decisions and economic policy. Potential employers encompass private corporations, the public sector, but also supranational institutions and non-profit organizations, which are increasingly seeking graduates with a background in international economics and international experience. The program prepares graduates for the possibility of an interesting employment with banks and consultancy companies.

Tools, reflection and thesis

The subject-specific perspective is supplemented by the crosscutting core area Tools (15 ECTS) dedicated to statistics and data analysis, which provides the essentials for quantitative analysis. The core area Reflection (10 ECTS) broadens the perspective to practical aspects in the current international business and economic environment. From an academic perspective, students learn how to contribute to debates through their own papers and presentations, but also by responding to the work of their peers. The Bachelor thesis (15 ECTS) is based on independent work on a given problem in a chosen subject area.

Course of study

The program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of economic issues related to international economic integration. Students acquire the skillset to succeed in an international environment in business, government or academia. Particular attention is given to the growing importance of international economic integration and to a comparative approach in the study of economic policies.

Compulsory courses

- International Economics (40 ECTS) provides an introduction to basic economic models and methods, as well as key concepts in international economics and economic policy.
- International Business (20 ECTS) provides the basics of business administration with respect to an international context.
- International Politics, Law, and Society (20 ECTS) extends the perspective to include a view on institutions relevant for addressing international issues.

Elective courses

- Electives (25 ECTS): These comprise 5 courses of 5 ECTS each that can be freely chosen from a variety of courses concerning topics in international economic studies, international business and international politics. You may choose interdisciplinary courses from other departments within the university.
- Languages (15 ECTS): Each student must acquire fluency in a chosen language, e.g. English, French, Spanish. German can also count towards this requirement for non-native speakers.
- Study Abroad (20 ECTS): Students have to earn 20 ECTS in the specialization area at a university abroad.