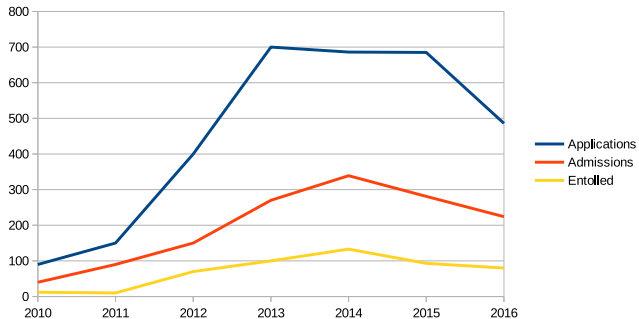


**The Master Program M.Sc. Economics
Friedrich Schiller University Jena**

– Introduction –

Welcome in Jena!



- ▶ Any questions regarding content and organization of the program:

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- ▶ Any questions regarding studying in Jena:

- International Office of the FSU
- Students Service Centre
- Student mentors

- ▶ Starting point for most questions:

<http://www.master-economics.uni-jena.de>

- ▶ Explanation of the curriculum
 - ▶ Study and examination regulations
 - ▶ Frequently Asked Questions!
- ▶ There exists also a Facebook group (not officially provided by the faculty but self-organized by students)

Just to remind: it is a

- ▶ **research-oriented** program
- ▶ in **economics**.

- ▶ No obligatory internship.
- ▶ Only few courses related to Business Administration.

Educational System

- ▶ Organize yourself! (We assist if necessary.)
- ▶ Ask your teacher if things are unclear or if you need feedback! (Respect the office hours.)
- ▶ Rules and deadlines are strict!
- ▶ Grading might differ from your previous experiences.
- ▶ Active participation and *discussion* is welcome!
- ▶ The goal is *understanding* rather than *memorizing*!
- ▶ Too mathematical?
- ▶ We are intolerant against plagiarism. Use your own words. Express your own views.

Intercultural Experience

- ▶ About 90% students in this program are international students with different educational, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
 - ▶ Mutual tolerance!
 - ▶ Variety as an asset!
 - ▶ Get in contact!
 - ▶ Learn German!

The Friedolin system

- ▶ **Important:** Registration for courses and exams: the *Friedolin system*
- ▶ All relevant things will be explained in the official introduction in the afternoon, 5:30 pm; Lecture hall 2).
- ▶ See also helpcenter on the Friedolin website.

The Friedolin system

- ▶ Using the Friedolin system:
 - ▶ Go to <https://friedolin.uni-jena.de>
 - ▶ Login
 - ▶ Register for courses and exams.
- ▶ Friedolin facilities:
 - ▶ Your timetable and your grades
 - ▶ Registration/cancellation of courses and exams
 - ▶ Module descriptions
 - ▶ Study and exam regulations
 - ▶ Email correspondence by the teacher after registration for a course
- ▶ *Registration and cancellation of registrations for courses and exams within the first six weeks of the lecture time.*

Organization of the M.Sc. Economics

The program is completed when you earned 120 ECTS in the following way (see website for details):

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|--------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1) Basic area: | at least | 45 ECTS |
| 2) Specialization area: | at least | 48 ECTS |
| 3) Master Thesis: | | 24 ECTS |

You must decide for one of the following specialization areas:

- ▶ World Economy
- ▶ Innovation and Change
- ▶ Economics and Strategy
- ▶ Public Economics

You can revise your decision (but don't wait too long).

⇒ **Online documents!**

Organization of the M.Sc. Economics

Special courses in the basic area:

- ▶ General Key Qualifications
- ▶ Interdisciplinary Foundations
- ▶ Approaches to Economic Science

Proposed study schedule (see website):

- ▶ This is a *proposed* schedule. You can choose your own schedule according to your preferences.
- ▶ 30 ECTS per term is an *average*.
- ▶ Courses are typically given in the summer or in the winter.
- ▶ Recommendation: Take compulsory courses as early as possible.
- ▶ Not recommended: 2 seminars in same term, seminar and thesis in same term.

Special Opportunity

- ▶ **Double Master Degree with University of Insubria (Varese, Italy)** for those student who choose “**Innovation and Change**”
- ▶ **Double Master Degree with University of Trento (Italy).**
- ▶ Part of the program in Jena, the other part in Varese or Trento resp.
- ▶ Information and contact: See website!

Specific questions/problems:

- ▶ There are interesting courses in other faculties or at other universities – do they count for the master program?
- ▶ I failed (twice) in an exam – what to do?
- ▶ How to apply for a seminar?
- ▶ Searching for a supervisor for my master thesis.
- ▶ Studying one term at a foreign university.
- ▶ Can I prolong my study time?
- ▶ “Term on leave”
- ▶ I want to make an internship.

- ▶ **See also the FAQ!**

Language Center of the FSU:

www.uni-jena.de/SPZ

- ▶ A1 level courses cannot be credited for your curriculum.
- ▶ If you have not B1 level proficiency in German you have to take German courses (at least A2) to be credited for “General Key Qualifications” (compulsory).
- ▶ Additionally you can credit language courses for “Interdisciplinary Foundations” (elective).

Problems with scientific writing?

- ▶ Important hints and exercises in “Approaches to Economic Science”
- ▶ www.schreibenlernen.uni-jena.de
- ▶ www.uni-jena.de/schreibenlernen_interkulturell
- ▶ Free of cost for students!

Good success!

Enjoy the time in Jena!