

M.A. "POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION"

Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht
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Was kann ich bei euch studieren?

M.A. PoEI provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills to critically analyse the processes of European (dis-)integration and the related challenges of ecological, economic, political and social crisis dynamics. Students learn that this complexity needs to be understood from various angles and disciplinary backgrounds. Hence, the multidisciplinary programme combines pluralist, mainly heterodox macroeconomics, political science, sociology, and law.

The 1st semester courses (all mandatory) provide the knowledge base, with a focus on nature & sustainability; labour & social reproduction; money & trade; multilevel governance of European Integration.

The 2nd semester offers a wide range of multidisciplinary specialisations such as Politics of Social Cohesion, Labour & Ecology, Role of Europe in a Multipolar World, Recent Developments in European Law, Feminist & Ecological Economics, Growth & Distribution, Econometrics, International Political Economy, Political Economy or Modern Capitalism, and others.

In the 3rd semester, students write their Master Thesis, accompanied by a Research Seminar, or do an internship or a semester abroad, in this case they write their Thesis in the 4th semester. MPOEI Students can apply for the International Double/Joint Degree Master Economic Policies in the Age of Globalisation (EPOG-2 program, see MIE program).

Wie macht mich das Studium future-fit?

Teaching is based on real-world evidence, based on multidisciplinary understandings and qualitative as well as quantitative methodologies. The program entails the acquisition of crucial skills of critical thinking needed for present and future challenges of socioeconomic and ecological transformation processes. MPOEI graduates hold all the qualifications required to work in state and private organisations, associations, federations, labour unions and larger companies. The degree »Master of Arts« (M.A.) also qualifies for the higher levels of public administration and for national and international doctoral programmes. MPOEI graduates have continued in the following areas:

- PhD programs or graduate schools
- policy advisors (European Parliament, Deutscher Bundestag, political parties...),
- public administration (European Commission, Federal Ministries, Centre for European Policy Studies, GIZ,...),
- research institutes, think tanks
- NGOs, labour unions (DGB, New Economics Foundation, Global Climate Forum,...),
- large business consultants, corporations, small scale business,...

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Courses are taught in a seminaristic style (classes of around 30-40 students), combining inputs by professors, plenary discussions, student group work, student presentations, and peer-to-peer commenting.

In the 1st semester, assignments are combined exams of written (term papers or reading responses) and oral parts (oral group exams or presentations). In the 2nd semester course 'Current Issues of European Integration' students work in small teams on own research projects, supervised by a professor. This provides a good exercise for the Master Thesis.

In the first two semesters, a Tutorial seminar offers inputs on academic writing, tips for internships and starting a career, and collects feedback from students. Students' cohorts are very international and have mixed disciplinary backgrounds which allows for a rich experience of intercultural and interdisciplinary studying. Students are encouraged to participate in events organised by the Institute for International Political Economy (IPE) at HWR Berlin.

Wann sollte ich bei euch nicht studieren?

The programme is suitable for students interested in current macroeconomic, political and social issues particularly involved with European integration processes. Students should be open to our interdisciplinary approach and hold a degree in economics, political science, sociology or related subjects. In undergraduate studies, modules in macroeconomics, political science (or comparable courses) and/ or European studies should have been completed. A basic understanding about the European Union is helpful. English language skills on a high B2 level is necessary.

If students prefer to study only one major subject or discipline, or have a preference for microeconomic or business-related contents, they should choose a different master's program.