

# MA Programme in Philosophy & Economics: Frequently Asked Questions



## **1. I do not have a degree in philosophy, economics, or a related discipline. Can I still apply?**

It depends on what you have studied. If you have studied a degree that contains courses in mathematics and statistics, logic, and philosophy courses you may have a good chance. We are very open to applications from highly motivated students who are willing to acquire the missing skills and knowledge. If you are unsure whether or not you are eligible for the programme please get in touch with us by sending an e-mail to: [pe-master@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:pe-master@uni-bayreuth.de). One of the Programme Coordinators will then get in touch with you to discuss your chances. In the event that you do not satisfy the minimum requirements you may be able to follow courses from the BA degree for one year and then upgrade to the MA in the following academic year.

## **2. I have not yet completed my Bachelor degree. Can I still apply?**

Yes, but in such circumstances we will only make you a conditional offer and you will have to have completed your degree by 01 October 2013 to enrol. If there are administrative problems obtaining your degree certificate by this date, please inform us as soon as possible.

## **3. I do not have any samples of my academic writing in English. Can I replace these with an appropriate language certificate?**

No. You must send us such samples. Simply translate two essays from your course work or part of your Bachelor thesis. The topic does not matter; it only has to be academic. The writing samples permit us determine your ability to pursue higher academic study in English.

## **4. Do I need to submit a “Statement of Purpose” or “Letter of Motivation”?**

Yes. This is Section F of the Application Form (instructions contained therein).

## **5. Do I need academic references?**

Yes. You will need two such references. Please download the Confidential Academic Reference Form from the web page and forward it to your referees. And please do not forget to fill out Section G of the Application Form. Your application will not be processed until both referees have sent in their references.

## **6. When will I be informed of my acceptance or rejection?**

We run a “rolling admissions” policy. The Selection Committee meets once a month in the period March-September. We try to inform applicants within 30 days.

## **7. If I am accepted, what must I do?**

All instructions on enrolment are contained in your letter of acceptance.

## **8. If I am accepted, can I defer my enrolment for the next academic year?**

Yes. But please inform us as soon as possible.

## **9. Are there any preparatory courses and when do they take place?**

We generally offer a crash course in econometrics. Starting in the academic year 2013-14 we plan to add a crash course on “Writing Philosophy”. A crash course in mathematics for economists may also be offered. These courses usually take place in the week before the lectures start: 07-11 October 2013.

## **10. Does the programme permit me to spend a semester abroad?**

This is possible, but not foreseen. You should refer to the Student Handbook (“Planning Your Studies”).

## **11. Can I do an internship during my studies?**

Of course, but we do not recommend it and it is not part of the programme. Again, please refer to the Student Handbook (“Planning Your Studies”).

## **12. Does the P&E Programme of the University of Bayreuth offer scholarships or financial assistance?**

No.

## **13. I am a non-EU applicant. Are there any special restrictions or rules that I should be aware of?**

There may be. Please contact our International Office: [www.international-office.uni-bayreuth.de/en/F\\_Contact/index.html](http://www.international-office.uni-bayreuth.de/en/F_Contact/index.html)