

University of Bayreuth: new master's programme History & Economics set to launch in autumn 2016

International, interdisciplinary, and unique – these words best describe the English-taught master's programme History & Economics, which will kick off in Winter Semester 2016/17. Application deadline: 15 July 2016



In Germany and even more so in other countries, the field of economic history has experienced an unexpected revival in recent years. This subfield of economics has received a great deal of public attention due to the global economic crisis, and interest is increasing among young people, in particular. For this reason, the University of Bayreuth has seized this opportunity to launch the new master's programme History & Economics, taught entirely in English.

"Workers Alliance picketing for jobs; children holding signs, St. Paul."
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"The economy is constantly changing. The global financial crisis has taught us that a long-term perspective can help us to better understand changes in the economy," explained Prof. Dr. Jan-Otmar Hesse, Chair of Economic & Social History at the University of Bayreuth. Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung, Chair of Economics VII (Quantitative Economic History), added, "More and more experts will be needed to analyse the complex interrelationships and develop integrative approaches." The Chair of Economic & Social History was established in 2015 in the Faculty of Cultural Studies, and the Chair of Quantitative Economic History was established in 2016 in the Faculty of Law, Business & Economics at the University of Bayreuth.



Prof. Hesse (centre) and Prof. Hornung (r.) are the programme advisors for the new master's programme History & Economics and are supported by Scientific Assistant Sebastian Teupe (l.) in implementing the curriculum.

"History & Economics offers young people interdisciplinary training in the areas of history and economics that is unique in Germany. With this entirely English-taught programme, we hope to attract international students to the University of Bayreuth as well," the programme advisors said. The combination of history and economics gives graduates a career-



qualifying degree that prepares them for a career in the private sector or for a doctorate in the increasingly important research field of economic history.

The new master's programme History & Economics at a glance:

- Requirements: a bachelor's degree in economics or history, or an equivalent degree awarded in Germany or abroad
- Language of instruction: English
- Programme advisors: Prof. Dr. Jan-Otmar Hesse and Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung
- Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- Start of the programme: Winter Semester 2016/17
- Standard period of study: 4 semesters of full-time study (part-time study options are available)
- Degree awarded: Master of Arts (M.A.)

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■ In Winter Semester 2016/17, five new master's programmes and a supplemental programme (with an Elite certificate) will get under way. What is special is that all these programmes have an international focus and are taught in English. Applications are currently being accepted.

- **Biofabrication (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Development Studies (M.A.)**
 - Specific admission requirements – Please submit documents by 15 July 2016
- **Environmental Chemistry (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Environmental Geography (M.Sc.)**
 - Aptitude assessment process – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **History & Economics (M.A.)**
 - Aptitude assessment – Application deadline: 15 July 2016
- **Supplemental Programme Biological Physics (part of Elite Network of Bavaria)**
 - Selection process – Application deadline: 15 June or 15 August 2016

Information and programme flyers are available online:

www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/studies/master/01-new-master



The University of Bayreuth at a Glance

The University of Bayreuth is a young, research-oriented campus university. The University's founding mission in 1975 was to support interdisciplinary research and teaching and to develop interdisciplinary research priorities with which it could strengthen its own profile. Its research programmes and programmes of study are frequently updated and cover the natural sciences, law, business and economics, languages and literature, and cultural studies.

A good instructor-to-student ratio, high performance standards, interdisciplinary collaboration, and academic excellence have allowed the University to maintain its strong position in the rankings. The University of Bayreuth is included among the best young universities in the world in the Times Higher Education (THE) worldwide ranking "100 under 50".

The University of Bayreuth has been an international leader in African Studies for many years; the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) is part of the Excellence Initiative by the German federal and state governments. High Pressure & High Temperature Research carried out at the Bavarian Research Institute of Experimental Geochemistry & Geophysics has also established a strong reputation worldwide. Polymer research at the University is a frontrunner in the funding ranking published by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The University of Bayreuth has a tight international network of strategically selected university partnerships.

There are currently around 13,500 students enrolled in 146 different programmes of study offered by the University's six faculties. With around 1,200 members of the academic staff (of whom there are 235 professors) and roughly 900 non-academic staff members, the University of Bayreuth is one of the region's largest employers.

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