HAMBURG AT A GLANCE

With 1.7 million inhabitants, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany and one of the 16 federal states of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Hamburg features the second-largest container harbour in Europe which can accommodate the biggest container ships the world has to offer. The HafenCity, an ultra-modern commercial and business district is currently being built directly on the Elbe river. 460 companies from Asia alone have their European headquarters or a branch office in Hamburg.

Hamburg is also a location for highly specialized industries. It is a leader in medical technology and biotechnology and is one of the world centres for aircraft construction. Other important industries are media businesses with over 70,000 employees. Some of Germany’s largest companies engaged in publishing, music and internet activities are located in the city.

The University of Hamburg is situated in the heart of a bustling, cosmopolitan port city. The large number of foreign students and lecturers living in Hamburg makes this university city an easy-going meeting place, in which different cultures can exchange ideas and get to know each other.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Hamburg University’s Economics Department ranks top in eight out of eight categories in the 2008 CHE research ranking. The widely respected CHE compared 53 German economics departments. The CHE results can be found at www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ
Today’s economists face globally competitive and increasingly complex environments. The University of Hamburg’s “Master of Science in Economics” (M.Sc.) programme responds effectively to these developments. It provides thorough and rigorous training in modern economic theories and techniques. It attaches great importance to quantitative skills and emphasizes state-of-the-art methods of empirical research. It encourages applied work and relates it to policy. The acquired tools and research skills prepare students for real-world economic situations and challenges.

The programme is completely taught in English. It provides sound training in best practice methods of mainstream economics. Opportunities for optional in-depth studies in areas of personal interest initiate a gradual transition to independent research. The programme is designed for careers in higher education, research or consultancy on both the national and international level.

Upon successful completion of the M.Sc. programme, students with a strong academic record can continue their education by writing a doctoral dissertation under the supervision of a faculty member. Research interests originating from the Master thesis may but need not be the point of departure for a Ph. D. thesis.

### Description of the Programme

The regular two-year version of the programme includes

- three research-oriented core courses in the first semester (Advanced Microeconomics, Advanced Macroeconomics, and Advanced Econometrics).
- research training through a Master thesis in the fourth semester.

Students with a four-year Bachelor degree can shorten the programme to one year upon approval of the programme director. A part-time programme is also available.

Currently, tuition fees are € 375,- per semester. The fees can be deferred or waived under certain conditions. There is an additional university fee of € 252,- which also covers the costs of public transportation in Hamburg.

### Admissions

Prerequisite for admission is a Bachelor degree in Economics or Business with a strong focus on economics and quantitative methods. The programme also aims at graduates from Science, Engineering, Mathematics, or Statistics who seek to acquire key economic skills.

Preferential admission is possible for applications received between June 1 and June 15. The deadline is July 15. For details, see www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/msc-econ.