



Economic Policy & Quantitative Methods • MSc

## Welcome to the EPQM Master's Program at the University of Potsdam!

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### Key EPQM Information

For a **PDF** of this message  
(with direct links) go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/welcome-epqm>

**Welcome Event**  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
at 2pm

**Mailing-lists**  
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### International Buddy Program

[Registration](#)

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### Job Openings (Student Research Assistants)

Info will follow in late August

Dear students,

We are delighted to welcome you to the University of Potsdam! We look forward to pursuing the new Master's Program in **Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods (EPQM)** with you.

Please mark your calendars for our **Welcome Event** on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 2-4pm on Campus Griebnitzsee (August-Bebel-Straße 89; 14482 Potsdam). At this event you will have the chance of mingling with fellow students and several faculty members in an informal setting. We will provide you with all the necessary information for a great start into the semester and of course there will be the opportunity to raise any questions.

In order to provide you with information upcoming events and job openings, we would like to add you to a special email list for the EPQM Master program. If you would like to be included, please subscribe yourself to the list at:

<https://lists.uni-potsdam.de/mailman/listinfo/epqm-list>.

Last year, we also established an **EPQM Mentoring Program**, in which you will be matched with a student in a higher EPQM semester who knows their way around the University of Potsdam (UP). Your mentor can help you get acclimated to UP and can support you with any questions you may have. More detailed information will follow soon and will be announced via the EPQM mailing list and your UP-Mail Account.



Further, we are excited to announce that a new **Double Degree Program** with the University of Rennes will start this year. Selected students will be able to spend their third and fourth semesters in Rennes taking courses from the **International Master in Public Policies**. You will receive more information on how to participate in the Double Degree Program at your Welcome Event and during the first semester. Stay tuned as you will be the first cohort to benefit from this outstanding opportunity!

To stay up to date on news about the EPQM Master's program, upcoming events, and the Double Degree Program, you can find us on [LinkedIn](#) ([Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods \(EPQM\) Master](#)). We would be delighted to connect with you!

We have put together some important information for a smooth start on the next pages. If you have any questions, you can drop our team an email at [epqm@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:epqm@uni-potsdam.de).

Let me emphasize that we are looking very much forward to welcome you in Potsdam soon and that **we wish you a successful start in the winter term 2024/25!**

*Prof. Dr. Marco Caliendo*  
(Head of the EPQM Program)

## 1. Courses in the Winter Semester

To give you an idea of how you can plan your winter semester 2024/25, here is a brief overview of the course offer. In our exemplary course of study ([download a PDF here](#)), we advise you to take the courses “Advanced Microeconomics”, “Advanced Macroeconomics” and “Advanced Microeconometrics” in the first semester. Please note that **the courses start on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Exemplary Course of Study				Course Areas
FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	THIRD SEMESTER	FOURTH SEMESTER	
Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP) Advanced Macroeconomics (9 CP) Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP)	Political Economics I+II (12 CP) Growth and Distribution I+II (12 CP) Behavioral Economics (12 CP) Empirical Applications with the SOEP (12 CP) Recent Topics in Economic Policy I (*) (6 CP) Environmental Policy Innovation and Productivity Gender Economics Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Policy Evaluation I+II (12 CP) Quantitative Methods I (*) (6 CP) Quantitative Macroeconomics Integrated Assessment Econometric Methods & Applications II (*) (6 CP) Maschinelles Lernen & Intelligente Datenanalyse Data Visualization	Urban Economics I+II (12 CP) Health Economics (6 CP) Economics of Education (6 CP) Seminar in Economic Policy (6 CP) Recent Topics in Economic Policy II (*) (6 CP) Economics of Climate Change Entrepreneurship and Development Quantitative Methods II (*) (6 CP) Experimental Methods Machine Learning Data Visualization Econometric Methods & Applications I (*) (6 CP) Data Science and Business Analytics Structural Models Seminar in Applied Quantitative Methods (6 CP)	Master Thesis and Colloquium (21 CP) Political Economics I+II (12 CP) Growth and Distribution I+II (12 CP) Behavioral Economics (12 CP) Empirical Applications with the SOEP (12 CP) Recent Topics in Economic Policy I (*) (6 CP) Environmental Policy Innovation and Productivity Gender Economics Labor Economics Policy Evaluation I+II (12 CP) Quantitative Methods I (*) (6 CP) Quantitative Macroeconomics Integrated Assessment Econometric Methods & Applications II (*) (6 CP) Maschinelles Lernen & Intelligente Datenanalyse Data Visualization	Mandatory Courses (27 + 21 CP) Economic Policy (30-48 CP) Quantitative Methods (24-42 CP) Possible in all Semesters Electives (18 CP) Internship Module (6 or 12 CP) Advanced Economic Studies (6-18 CP) Internationalization Module (6 CP)

This overview ([download a PDF here](#)) shows you all available courses, sorted by course areas.

Overview – Course Areas, Modules and Lecturers					
Mandatory Courses (27 CP + 21 CP)	Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP, Caliendo, WS)	Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP, Brutel, WS)	Advanced Macroeconomics (9 CP, Heinemann, WS)	Master Thesis and Colloquium (21 CP, SS)	
Economic Policy (30-48 CP)	Political Economics I+II (12 CP, Borck, SS)	Empirical Applications with the SOEP (12 CP, Siedler, SS)	Economics of Climate Change (6 CP, Kalkuhl, WS)	Recent Topics in Economic Policy I+II (*)	
	Urban Economics I+II (12 CP, Borck, WS)	Behavioral Economics (12 CP, Brutel, SS)	Gender Economics (6 CP, Wrohlich, SS)	Environmental Policy (6 CP, Kalkuhl, SS)	
	Growth and Distribution I+II (12 CP, Heinemann, SS)	Health Economics (6 CP, Siedler, WS)	Entrepreneurship and Econ. Development (6 CP, Kritikos, WS)	Modeling Political Decisions for Sustainability (6 CP, Sprinz, SS)	
	Seminar in Economic Policy (6 CP, Varying, SS/WS)	Economics of Education (6 CP, Siedler, WS)	Climate Governance (6 CP, Sprinz, SS)	Innovation and Productivity (6 CP, Kritikos, SS)	
Quantitative Methods (24-42 CP)	Policy Evaluation I+II (12 CP, Caliendo, SS)	Seminar in Applied Quantitative Methods (6 CP, Varying, WS/SS)	Econometric Methods and Applications I+II (*)		
	Quantitative Methods I+II (*)		Time Series Analysis (6 CP, N.N.)	Adv. Regression Discontinuity Design (6 CP, Siedler, SS, MA-M-220)	
	Data Visualisation (6 CP, Schnitzlein, SS, WS/?)	Maschinelles Lernen & Intelligente Datenanalyse (6 CP, Scheffer, WS/SS)	Panel Data Econometrics (6 CP, N.N, SS)	Bayesian Methods (6 CP, N.N.)	
	Experimental Methods (6 CP, Brutel, WS)	Integrated Assessment (6 CP, Kriegler, SS)	Structural Models (6 CP, N.N, WS)	DIY: Research Idea Development (6 CP, Caliendo, WS)	
	Quantitative Macroeconomics (6 CP, Heinemann, SS)	Data Science & Business Analytics (6 CP, Krasnova, WS)		Coding for Economists (6 CP, N.N.)	
Electives (18 CP)	Internship Module (6 or 12 CP)	Internationalization Module (6 CP)	Advanced Economic Studies (6-18 CP): To specialize in EP and/or QM		

(\*) In these modules different topics will be offered by varying lecturers

Further information is available in the **module catalogue** ([https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/cepa/EPQM/Modulkatalog\\_344.PDF](https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/cepa/EPQM/Modulkatalog_344.PDF)) and on the websites of the individual chairs of the Economics Department.

A short introductory video to the PULS system can be found on YouTube (in German with English subtitles): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dm58uoyyI9A>

We also advise you to check the Study and Examination Regulations ([https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/studium/docs/03\\_studium\\_konkret/07\\_rechtsgrundlagen/studienordnungen/StO\\_EPQM\\_EN.pdf](https://www.uni-potsdam.de/fileadmin/projects/studium/docs/03_studium_konkret/07_rechtsgrundlagen/studienordnungen/StO_EPQM_EN.pdf)).

## 2. Subscribe to the EPQM-List

You are welcome to subscribe to our moderated email list – the ‘epqm-list’ under the following link: <https://lists.uni-potsdam.de/mailman/listinfo/epqm-list>. This list is targeted at all our Master’s students. It provides you with information about new developments of the Economics Department, interesting events and activities, internship and job offers, and similar topics.

## 3. Center for Economic Policy Analysis (CEPA) and Internship Program

The Center for Economic Policy Analysis (CEPA) was founded in 2018 at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Potsdam and combines socially relevant research with economic policy proximity. Thus, it creates an attractive study and research environment. One of CEPA’s fields of activity is to educate our students in evidence-based economic research. CEPA offers students attractive courses and insights into applied research through lecture series. It is also possible to enlist in the internship program coordinated by CEPA for example with the DIW, MCC and PIK.

Further information can be found on our website (<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cepa/welcome-to-cepa>) and on twitter ([https://twitter.com/cepa\\_unipotsdam](https://twitter.com/cepa_unipotsdam)).



## 4. EPQM LinkedIn Profile

The EPQM Master’s Program is present on LinkedIn ([Economic Policy and Quantitative Methods \(EPQM\) Master](https://www.linkedin.com/company/epqm-master/)), where you can keep up to date with upcoming events and news about the program and the people involved in it. We would be delighted to connect with you!

## 5. Buddy Program for International Students

The International Office at the University of Potsdam also offers a Buddy-Program for international students. You can be matched with an experienced student from the University of Potsdam to help you feel at home at the University. The program is free of charge. You can register here <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/contact/buddy/international>.

## 6. Job Openings - Student Research Assistant Positions

A limited number of research assistant (RA) positions are available for talented students. Contract options range from six to 12 hours per week (monthly salary: 355 to 710 EUR). We will send you the job openings for the winter term in late August.

## **7. Consultation and Contact**

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### **Office of Student Affairs (Enrollment)**

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/office-of-student-affairs>

### **PUCK Service Point (Potsdam University Chip Card)**

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/puck>

### **PULS Service (Portal for planning and organizing learning)**

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/puls-team>

If you have any questions on how to use PULS – click here for an online tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/dm58uoyyl9A> (English subtitles available)

### **Student Representatives**

<https://www.fachschaftsrat.de>