



Economic Policy & Quantitative Methods • MSc

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

July 6, 2022

### Key EPQM Information

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

### Welcome Event

October 19, 2022, 4 to 6 p.m.

### Mailing-lists

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### EPQM Mentoring Program

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### Open Student Research Assistant Positions

At least five positions  
(6-10 hours/week) available  
starting in October. Details will  
follow soon.

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.

The ongoing Corona crisis continues to pose challenges to all of us. Fortunately, this summer term most courses could be held in person at Campus Griebnitzsee and many courses were also offered in a hybrid format. We hope that we will be able to continue this in the coming winter term and that you will be able to meet your fellow students and the faculty in person at the beginning of your studies. While we of course cannot predict the situation in the fall, rest assured that we will provide a productive and enjoyable first semester atmosphere in any case.

Please mark your calendars for our **Welcome Event** on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Campus Griebnitzsee (August-Bebel-Straße 89; 14482 Potsdam). Depending on current Covid-19 measures, the event will alternatively take place online. 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 updated information in the coming weeks, we would like to add you to a **special email list for your entry cohort**. If you would like to be included, please send an email to [epqm@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:epqm@uni-potsdam.de) with the subject "Subscribe EPQM Cohort 2022".

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Two years ago, we also started an **EPQM mentoring program**, where you are assigned a student from a higher EPQM semester who knows his or her way around the University of Potsdam. Your mentor can help you with navigating your way around UP and offer support with any questions you may have. If you are interested in participating in the program, you can already mention this in your email to us. More detailed information will follow soon and will be announced via the EPQM Cohort 2022 mailing list.

We would also like to point out that there are at least **five positions for student research assistants** (6-10 hrs/week) to be filled at the beginning of the winter term. Open positions are available in Public Economics, Behavioral Economics, Empirical Economics, Macroeconomics and Quantitative Economics. More detailed information and job postings will be sent out via the email list.

If you have any questions, you can drop our team an email at [epqm@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:epqm@uni-potsdam.de).

We have put together some important information for a smooth start on the next pages. 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 2022/23!**

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 2022/23, 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 Microeconomics” in the first semester. Please note that **the courses start on October 17, 2022.**

Exemplary Course of Study (July 2022)				
FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	THIRD SEMESTER	FOURTH SEMESTER	Course Areas
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 Labor Economics Policy Evaluation I+II (12 CP) Quantitative Methods I (*) (6 CP) Quantitative Macroeconomics Integrated Assessment Econometric Methods & Applications II (*) (6 CP) Adv. Regression Discontinuity Design Panel Data Econometrics	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 and Policy Communication Econometric Methods & Applications I (*) (6 CP) Time Series Analysis 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 I (*) (6 CP) Adv. Regression Discontinuity Design Panel Data Econometrics	<b>Mandatory Courses</b> (27 + 21 CP) <b>Economic Policy</b> (30-48 CP) <b>Quantitative Methods</b> (24-42 CP) Possible in all Semesters <b>Electives</b> (18 CP) Internship Module (6 or 12 CP) Advanced Economic Studies (6-18 CP) Internationalization Module (6 CP) (*) In these modules different topics will be offered by varying lecturers
27 CP	30 CP	30 CP	33 CP	

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

Overview – Course Areas, Modules and Lecturers (July 2022)				
Mandatory Courses (27 CP + 21 CP)	Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP, Bruttel, WS, MA-B-100)	Advanced Macroeconomics (9 CP, Heinemann, WS, MA-B-200)	Advanced Microeconomics (9 CP, Caliendo, WS, MA-B-300)	Master Thesis and Colloquium (21 CP, SS) (?)
Economic Policy (30-48 CP)	Political Economics I+II (12 CP, Borck, SS, MA-P-110/120)	Empirical Applications with the SOEP (12 CP, Siedler, SS, MA-P-410)	Recent Topics in Economic Policy I+II (*)	
	Urban Economics I+II (12 CP, Borck, WS, MA-P-210/220)	Behavioral Economics (12 CP, Bruttel, SS, MA-P-510)	Economics of Climate Change (6 CP, Kalkuhl, WS, MA-P-610)	Environmental Policy (6 CP, Kalkuhl, SS, MA-P-620)
	Growth and Distribution I+II (12 CP, Heinemann, SS, MA-P-310/320)	Health Economics (6 CP, Siedler, WS, MA-P-420)	Gender Economics (6 CP, Wrohlich, SS, MA-P-620)	Labour Economics (6 CP, Margaryan, SS, MA-P-620)
	Seminar in Economic Policy (6 CP, Varying, SS/WS, MA-P-630)	Economics of Education (6 CP, Siedler, WS, MA-P-430)	Entrepreneurship and Econ. Development (6 CP, Kritikos, WS, MA-P-610)	Innovation and Productivity (6 CP, Kritikos, SS, MA-P-620)
Quantitative Methods (24-42 CP)	Policy Evaluation I+II (12 CP, Caliendo, SS, MA-M-110/120)	Seminar in Applied Quantitative Methods (6 CP, Varying, WS/SS, MA-M-410)	Econometric Methods and Applications I+II (*)	
	Quantitative Methods I+II (*)		Time Series Analysis (6 CP, N.N., MA-M-210)	Adv. Regression Discontinuity Design (6 CP, Siedler, SS, MA-M-220)
	Data Visuals. and Policy Communication (6 CP, Wrohlich, WS, MA-M-320)	Machine Learning (6 CP, N.N., WS, MA-M-320)	Panel Data Econometrics (6 CP, Wanner, SS, MA-M-220)	Bayesian Methods (6 CP, N.N., MA-M-210)
	Experimental Methods (6 CP, Bruttel, WS, MA-M-320)	Integrated Assessment Modelling (6 CP, Krieger, SS, MA-M-310)	Structural Models (6 CP, Wanner, WS, MA-M-210)	DIY: Research Idea Development (6 CP, Caliendo, WS, MA-M-410)
	Quantitative Macroeconomics (6 CP, Heinemann, SS, MA-M-310)	Coding for Economists (6 CP, N.N., MA-M-310)		
Electives (18 CP)	Internship Module (6 or 12 CP, MA-E-310/320/330)	Internationalization Module (6 CP, MA-E-410)	Advanced Economic Studies (6-18 CP): To specialize in EP and/or QM (MA-E-210/220/230)	
(*) In these modules different topics will be offered by varying lecturers				

Further information is available in the **module catalogue** ([https://puls.uni-potsdam.de/qisserver/rds?state=verpublish&publishContainer=ModulbaumAnzeigen&modulkatalog.mk\\_id=344](https://puls.uni-potsdam.de/qisserver/rds?state=verpublish&publishContainer=ModulbaumAnzeigen&modulkatalog.mk_id=344)) 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 Econ-Master-List

You are welcome to subscribe to our moderated email list – the ‘econ-master-list’ under the following link: <https://lists.uni-potsdam.de/mailman/listinfo/econ-master-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. 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/service/buddy/international>

## 5. 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: 320 to 640 EUR). We will send you the job openings for the winter term in late August.

## 6. 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/dm58uoyyI9A> (English subtitles available)

### Student Representatives

<https://www.fachschaftsrat.de>