

## **Informationen for Students of the Double Degree Programme in Development Economics in Cooperation with Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

### **I. Profile of the Double Degree Programme (120 ECTS)**

The two-year double degree master's programme in development economics is jointly offered by Stellenbosch University and the University of Göttingen. The programme is a partnership that offers students the opportunity to earn both a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Development Economics offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Göttingen, and a Master of Commerce (MCom) in Economics offered by the Department of Economics at Stellenbosch University. Stellenbosch University is one of the leading universities in South Africa and known for its high quality post graduate programmes in economics.

The joint curriculum is a unique combination of the different foci in teaching and research in development economics at both universities. The master's programme in development economics in Göttingen offers research oriented courses with a strong focus on quantitative methods. At Stellenbosch University participants will be offered a broad range of courses with an emphasis on case studies and the analysis of the economic and socio-economic situation in South Africa.

Participants of the Double Degree Programme spend their first semester at the University of Göttingen before leaving to study at Stellenbosch University for their second and third semester. Students will then return to Göttingen to complete their studies in their fourth semester. Participants have the choice to write their master's thesis either at Stellenbosch University or at the University of Göttingen.

Upon completion of the 120 ECTS (credit) of the programme, and having satisfied all the graduation requirements of both universities, participants will receive two separate and nationally recognised master's degree certificates: a Master of Commerce in Economics, awarded by Stellenbosch University and a Master of Science in Development Economics, awarded by the University of Göttingen. Both certificates state that the degree is awarded within a joint programme and indicate that the respective certificates are valid only in conjunction with the other certificate. The double degree programme enables participating students to complete two degrees within four semesters (normally requiring three years, since the Stellenbosch programme is a one year master's programme and the Göttingen programme is a two year master's programme).

Language of instruction in both universities is English.

## II. Curriculum for Students with Home University Göttingen

The double degree programme starts in the winter semester, so application is not possible for the summer semester. Due to a different start of the academic year (October in Göttingen and February in Stellenbosch) and hence different lecture periods in the partner universities the double degree programme has a special structure and time schedule.

Participants spend their first semester (winter semester, starting October) at the University of Göttingen, taking primarily the mandatory courses in the M.Sc. Development Economics programme.

At the end of January participants leave for Stellenbosch/ South Africa. In case participants have to take exams for their first semester mandatory courses in February, they can do so while they are in Stellenbosch, writing their exams at the same time as their fellow students in Göttingen.

From end of January until end of November students spend their second and third semester in Stellenbosch, taking the mandatory courses and electives of the MCom in Economics Programme at Stellenbosch University. The courses from Stellenbosch University will be acknowledged as part of the M.Sc. in Development Economics Programme at the University of Göttingen.

The fourth and last semester (summer semester) will be spent at the University of Göttingen. Participants will be given the opportunity to specialize in various fields of development economics and to do so they can choose among a broad range of electives in agricultural economics, global health, behavioural development economics and other prominent fields of development economics.

In between the end of semester in Stellenbosch (end of November) and the beginning of the lecture period at the University of Göttingen (April) participants are expected to write their 17-week master's thesis. Participants can choose whether they want to stay at Stellenbosch University or return to Göttingen for their master thesis. Participants earn 30 credits for their master thesis. They can choose a first supervisor either from Stellenbosch University or from the University of Göttingen. The choice of first supervisor determines the examination regulations for the master's thesis. Students who choose their first supervisor from the University of Göttingen do not have an oral defence of their master's thesis. The second supervisor has to be chosen from the partner university. The coordinators from both partner universities will support the participants in finding suitable supervisors for their favorite master's thesis topic. The master's thesis will be acknowledged as master's thesis for both degrees of the Double Degree Programme.

The structure of the programme is as follows:

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| 1. Mandatory courses (Volkswirtschaftliche Vertiefung, Göttingen) | 30 C |
| 2. Study Abroad (Stellenbosch)                                    | 30 C |
| 3. Master's Thesis (Göttingen or Stellenbosch)                    | 30 C |
| 4. Specialization (Spezialisierungsstudium, Göttingen)            | 30 C |

Curriculum of the Double Degree Programme for students with home university Göttingen

**1. Mandatory Courses (Volkswirtschaftliche Vertiefung, Göttingen)**

In the first semester (lecture period: October to February) students have to pass courses in the scope of 30 credits according to the following regulations:

**a. Mandatory courses (18 C):**

M.SIA.E11	Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Food Security	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0008	Development Economics I, Macro Issues in Economic Development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0001	Advanced Microeconomics	6 C

**b. One of the following courses is mandatory:**

M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I	6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0005	Econometrics II	6 C

**c. Students have to choose one of the following courses:**

M.WIWI-VWL.0010	Development Economics III, Regional Perspectives in Development Economies	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0019	Advanced Development Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0099	Poverty & Inequality	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0147	Empirical Political Economy	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0138	Quasi-Experiments in Developing Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0175	International Development Policy	6 C

## 2. Study Abroad (Stellenbosch)

During this period (lecture period in Stellenbosch: February - May; July - November) participants have to pass 30 credits according to the regulations of the master's programme in MComm Economics at Stellenbosch University.

### a. Two mandatory courses (13,4 Credits):

10605 871	Microeconomics	6,7 C
10595 871	Macroeconomics	6,7 C

### b. Participants have to pass 16,6 credits altogether in choosing courses out of the following list. The courses are part of the curriculum of the MComm in Economics programme at Stellenbosch:

Economic History 3,3 C
Econometrics 6,7 C
Economics of Education I 3,3 C
Economics of Education II 3,3 C
Economics of Technological Change 3,3 C
Financial Econometrics 3,3 C
Advanced Macroeconomic Policy 6,7 C
Advanced Development Economics 3,3 C
Advanced Cross-section Econometrics 6,7 C
Advanced Time Series Econometrics 6,7 C
Industrial Organization 3,3 C
Institutional Economics 3,3 C
International Finance 3,3 C
Health Economics 3,3 C
Labor Economics 3,3 C
Monetary Economics 3,3 C
Environmental Economics 3,3 C

Development Economics 3,3 C
Public Economics 3,3 C

### 3. Master's Thesis (Göttingen or Stellenbosch)

It is recommended to write the master's thesis in the period in between the ending of the lecture period in Stellenbosch and the beginning of the lecture period in Göttingen (December to March). Participants can choose to spend this period either in Stellenbosch or Göttingen depending on their choice of first thesis' supervisor. The master's thesis will earn participants 30 credits. The thesis regulations of the first supervisor's home university apply. The master's thesis will be recognized for the master's programme of the partner university.

### 4. Specialization (Göttingen)

Participants specialize in their favorite field of interest in development economics during their fourth semester in Göttingen. Participants have to pass 30 credits according to the following regulations:

#### a. Mandatory Course:

M.WIWI-VWL.0009	Development Economics II: Micro Issues in Development Economics	6 C
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#### b. One of the following courses has to be chosen as mandatory seminar:

M.WIWI-VWL.0025	Seminar Development Economics IV	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0023	Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century: Trade-related and Macroeconomic Issues for Latin American Policy Marketing	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0024	Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century: Challenges of Economic Development in Latin America	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0046	Seminar: Topics in European and Global Trade	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0055	Seminar: Globalization and Development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0063	Seminar: Sustainable Development, Trade and Environment	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0065	Seminar: Economics of Crime	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0105	Seminar: Controversies in Development Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0132	Seminar: New Development in International Economics	6 C

M.WIWI-VWL.0144	Migration Economics: Replication Course	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0174	China's Economic and Political Development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0176	The Political Economy of Social Protection	6 C
M.SIA.E20	Agricultural Policy Seminar	6 C

c. Participants have to pass courses worth 18 credits according to the following regulations:

- Courses under N. 1b or 1c or No. 4b of Annex II which have not been chosen so far.
- All courses with the identification M.WIWI-QMW can be chosen.
- Additionally courses from the following list can be chosen:

M.WIWI-VWL.0019	Advanced Development Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0021	Gender and Development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0040	Empirical Trade Issues	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0041	Panel Data Econometrics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0083	Economic Reform and Social Justice in India	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0086	Macroeconomics of Open Economies	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0092	International Trade	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0095	International Political Economy	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0096	Essentials of Global Health	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0113	Macroeconometrics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0117	Growth, Resources and the Environment	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0123	Recent Topics in Macroeconomics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0128	Deep determinants of growth and development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0135	Advanced Economic Growth	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0143	Mind, Society and Development	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0148	Field Research in Development Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-VWL.0190	Seminar Topics in Urban Economics	6 C
M.WIWI-WB.0005	Advanced Topics in Stata	6 C

M.Agr.008	Weltagrarmärkte	6 C
M.Agr.0106	China Economic Development	6 C
M.Agr.0118	Applied Microeconomics: From an agricultural economy to an emerging economy	6 C
M.SIA.E10	Economics of Biological Diversity in the Tropics and Subtropics	6 C
M.SIA.E19	Market Integration and Price Transmission I	6 C
M.SIA.E23	Global Agricultural Value Chains and Developing Countries	6 C
M.SIA.E12M	Quantitative Research Methods in Rural Development Economies	6 C
M.SIA.E14	Evaluation of Rural Development Projects and Policies	6 C
M.SIA.E24	Topics in Rural Development Economics I	6 C
M.SIA.E40	Agriculture, Environment and Development	6 C
M.SIA.E42	Agriculture, Nutrition and Food Systems	6 C

For capacity reasons, examinations for the following module can only be taken with the consent of the examiners:

- B.Agr.0151, Data Analysis with R in Agricultural Economics, 6C

**Information about the course offerings at the University of Göttingen:**

Handbook of master's courses offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics and study and examination regulations of the Master of Science in Development Economics Programme:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/204431.html>

Handbook of all courses offered by the University of Göttingen in the current semester:

<http://univz.uni-goettingen.de>

Overview of English taught courses at the Faculty of Business and Economics in the current semester:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/englischsprachige-module-/33399.html>

Seminar course offerings in economics in the current semester:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/seminare-im-bereich-volks-wirtschaftslehre/190784.html>

**Module descriptions of mandatory modules and electives at Stellenbosch University:**

<http://www.ekon.sun.ac.za/postgrad/courses>

**Online information on the Double Degree Programme:**

**University of Göttingen website:**

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/422060.html>

**Stellenbosch University website:**

<http://www.ekon.sun.ac.za/masters/page/3>

### III. Study Organization

**Enrolment:**

Participants are enrolled at the University of Göttingen during the entire double degree programme (4 semesters). The admission letter will include all necessary information on the enrolment procedure. If you are an international student and have questions concerning the enrolment procedure at the University of Göttingen please contact Ms Wahdat ([international.study@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:international.study@uni-goettingen.de)). Before starting your study abroad period at Stellenbosch University you have to enroll additionally at Stellenbosch University. The study abroad advisors at the Faculty of Business and Economics in Göttingen ([auslandsstudium@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:auslandsstudium@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de)) and the Postgraduate and International Office in Stellenbosch are happy to share all necessary information on the enrolment procedure in Stellenbosch with you and will support you in all questions concerning the visa application procedure for South Africa.

**Semester fees:**

There is no tuition fee for either national or international students at the University of Göttingen. While studying at the University of Göttingen during their first and fourth semester participants pay



semester fees in Göttingen (ca. 390 Euro per semester). Semester fees include free local bus rides in Göttingen and a free railway ticket for Lower Saxony as well as a culture ticket with free or nearly free access to lots of local cultural and sport events and subsidized meals in the students' canteens. While studying in Stellenbosch (second and third semester) participants are enrolled at the University of Göttingen but pay only the administration fee (75 Euro per semester). Participants do not pay tuition fees at Stellenbosch University but a service and administration fee for exchange students (ca. 4750 Rand per academic year or ca. 230 Euro per semester).

**Visa application:**

Participants will receive an admission letter via email from the International Office of Stellenbosch University. This document enables you to apply for a student's visa at the Embassy of South Africa.

More information on how to apply for a student's visa can be found on these websites:

<https://www0.sun.ac.za/international/frequently-asked-questions-1/study-visa.html>

<https://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/full-degree-postgraduate/i-want-to-enrol-at-su/visa-information.html>

**Arrival and housing at Stellenbosch:**

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/pgstudies/living-in-stellenbosch/accommodation.html>

<https://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/degree-seeking/i-want-to-enrol-at-su/arrival-airport-transfer.html>

**Lecture period and exams at Stellenbosch University:**

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/dates>

**Reports on participants' experiences:**

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/561233.html> (Double Degree Programm)

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/33158.html> (einsemestriger Austausch)

**Yearbook – Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences:**

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

**General Information for international students (postgraduate studies):**

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/pgstudies/>

**Overseas health insurance:**

Please keep in mind to take out overseas health insurance. You have to provide proof of health insurance that is valid in South Africa.

The document from the health insurance company must confirm that the insurance is either valid only in South Africa or valid worldwide. The document must also verify the first and last date of the insured period.

For further information see f.e.:

[http://www.adac.de/produkte/versicherungen/auslandskrankenschutzversicherung/auslandskrankenschutz\\_langzeit/default.aspx?ComponentId=752&SourcePageId=570](http://www.adac.de/produkte/versicherungen/auslandskrankenschutzversicherung/auslandskrankenschutz_langzeit/default.aspx?ComponentId=752&SourcePageId=570)

**Please register for the international orientation week at Stellenbosch University:**

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/full-degree-postgraduate/i-have-applied-i-have-been-accepted-2/welcome-and-orientation-schedules.html>

**Funding Stay Abroad period at Stellenbosch University:**

The University of Göttingen is happy to offer its three best participants of the double degree programme a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The stipend is granted within the DAAD International Double Degree Funding Programme and includes travel costs to South Africa, a subsidy for the mandatory health insurance and a non-repayable grant to cover the living expenses in South Africa (ca. 750 Euro per month). Participants who do not receive the DAAD funding may apply for PROMOS, another DAAD programme offered by the University of Göttingen, that will cover the living expenses in South Africa partly.

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