

BGSE COMBINED RESEARCH MASTER AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM

RULES OF GOOD STANDING

		<i>rules of good standing / prerequisites for funding and for proceeding to the doctoral program</i>
M.Sc. Economics, / Economic Research (two years)	1 st semester	3 Ph.D.-level basic courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, plus mathematics for economists, all 4 courses with a minimum average of 2.5
	2 nd semester	3 level-II courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics with a minimum average of 2.5 one selected M.Sc. course, preferably topics course**
	3 rd semester	2-4 selected M.Sc. courses, focus on topics courses** furthermore: BGSE workshop participation
	4 th semester	0-2 selected M.Sc. courses, focus on topics courses** furthermore: BGSE workshop participation, M.Sc. thesis, find your first supervisor for the dissertation phase
doctoral program (three years)	1 st year	brown bag presentation (1 st semester) find your second supervisor (1 st semester) work on and finish your first paper
	2 nd year	workshop presentation (3 rd semester) work on and finish your second paper
	3 rd year	find your third supervisor (5 th semester) work on and finish your third paper submit your Ph.D. thesis prepare for the job market

* GRANTS AND PH.D. TRACK

- From the very beginning of the M.Sc. / Economic Research program, grants of € 1200 per month are offered to a large number of students. Additional grants for the second year of the M.Sc. program and the following dissertation phase are available after a successful completion of the first-year course work.
- The conditional offer to proceed to the doctoral program as well as funding during the combined graduate program depend on the “good standing”. If the “good standing”-requirement of the first master semester is not met, students get no further funding but can improve their performance during in the following 2nd semester (grade average 2.5 in 6 courses).
- In subsequent semesters, students who do not meet the good standing-requirements lose their funding and the conditional offer to proceed to (resp. the right to continue with) the doctoral program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Students receiving grants by the BGSE and/or use office space are obliged to be present and participate in the graduate school activities unless they have been granted a leave of absence. Every student is entitled to 26 days of vacation per academic year. It is not possible to go on vacation while the university is in session (Vorlesungszeit) as well as during the exam periods (proctoring of exams).

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS ON TOP OF A GRANT BY THE BGSE

The BGSE encourages its students to take over teaching assistantships in order to gain valuable teaching experience. The BGSE has decided to approve such teaching assistantships on top of a grant only after the course phase (4th master semester). The reason for this is that in a number of cases, doctoral students face more difficulties in writing the first paper than anticipated. Therefore, it does not seem advisable to take over teaching responsibilities before a draft of a first paper is written. In case a student can present a written draft of a first paper before the end of his/her 4th semester, the BGSE may allow this student to take over teaching assistantships earlier.