



Economics & policy-making

Graduate students at the Hertie School combine their knowledge in economics with an interdisciplinary skill set that enables them to understand and act on the realities of modern policy-making.

Why study at the Hertie School?

Economics students who want to build on their knowledge to dive deeper into policy-relevant topics in, e.g., energy, health or public economics with a strong applied focus. Courses, typically taught in small groups, foster students' understanding of the policy-making process and the political economy of why policies are (or are not) adopted. Together with Hertie School's Data Science Lab, the teaching links machine learning techniques with state-of-the-art methods for impact evaluations.

At the Hertie School, students acquire an interdisciplinary skill set, study alongside peers from over 50 countries and set themselves up for a career in policy.

New Perspectives Scholarship

The Hertie School offers a full scholarship aimed at students with an undergraduate degree in **economics** or science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) who wish to combine their previous training with the tools and knowledge necessary to create effective policies. The scholarship covers all tuition fees and is worth 36,500 euros.

Application deadline: 1 February

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Our econ faculty



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Public economics, applied microeconomics



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Behavioural economics, political economy

Master of Public Policy (2 years)

The Master of Public Policy (MPP) provides the tools that decision-makers require to analyse policies, critically assess policy innovations and evaluate solutions. This hands-on programme gives students not only knowledge but also experience that they can use to promote good policies in all sectors. The interdisciplinary programme is ideal for those who want to understand and get involved in public policy-making, learn analytical and managerial skills and help shape tomorrow's world.

Master of Data Science for Public Policy (2 years)

The Master of Data Science for Public Policy (MDS) brings together students from both technical and social science backgrounds to deepen their analytical skills and develop an in-depth, data-driven understanding of the policy world. During this two-year master's, they learn how to leverage advances in data science methods to tackle some of the most complex economic, social, political and environmental challenges of our time.

The MPP and MDS curricula feature a wide range of courses that teach quantitative methods and their application to economic policy debates. In recent years we have offered courses on:

Fields

- Development economics
- Energy economics
- Health economics
- Political economy
- Public economics

Topics

- Climate change mitigation
- Competition policy
- Fiscal policy
- Housing markets
- Tax policy design

Methods

- Causal inference
- Experimental tools for policy evaluations
- Machine learning
- Programming in R and Python