





## **Fact Sheet 2022/23**

# **Double Degree in Economics, Tor Vergata - Konstanz**

#### **General Information** Α.

Webpage University of

Konstanz:

**Webpage MSc Economics:** 

**Webpage Department:** 

Webpage Double Degree:

https://www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/study/master-of-science/economics/ https://www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/en/

https://www.wiwi.uni-konstanz.de/international/studium/double-degree-optionen/university-of-rome-tor-vergata/

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How to apply for second year in TV?	Students will indicate interest in the double degree with TV when they apply to the MSc in Konstanz. If they are admitted to the KN programme, they will – if selected – be informed about their admissions to the double degree with TV
How to apply for second year in KN?	Please contact the director in TV: Professor Francesco Sobbrio francesco.sobbrio@uniroma2.it  During the first year of the MSc students submit the application to the Call for Dual degree program, usually out in February/March.
Accommodation @ KN	Accommodation services will try to but <u>cannot guarantee</u> on-campus accommodation if students apply before the deadline. If there is no space, please use the resources on the international office page ( <a href="https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/preparation/accommodation/">https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz/preparation/accommodation/</a> ) or contact the department for information about leaving double degree students. We will provide further reasonable assistance, within our discretion and our capabilities. See details in the <a "="" economia.uniroma2.it="" href="https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/study-in-konstanz.de/en/internatio&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;Accommodation @ TV&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Students look for accommodation on campus – less common – or in Rome:  &lt;a href=" https:="" incoming-students2="" international="">https://economia.uniroma2.it/international/incoming-students2/</a>
Resources for Incoming Students to KN	In the Fresher's Handbook
Resources for Incoming Students to TV	https://economia.uniroma2.it/international/incoming-students2/
Tuition Fees at KN and TV	The students from TV will not pay any tuition fees at the University of Konstanz; they will pay the <u>administrative fees</u> only.  The students will not pay any tuition fees at TV; they will be responsible for paying the graduation administrative fee of €16
Living costs and Scholarships	<ul> <li>Konstanz:         <ul> <li>Living Costs</li> <li>Scholarships: German students should both apply for Auslandsbafög (has no connection with Inlandsbafög). All students should check in the DAAD Scholarship Database for any individual scholarships they can apply for. The Konstanz International Office webpage has a number of resources, too.</li> <li>TV:</li> <li>The minimum cost of living for a student is approximately € 1000 per month. This includes food and personal care, housing, books, public transport and free time.</li> <li>Accommodation: Student Housing, rooms in private homes, shared apartments with other students. The cost is approximately € 400/500 per month. Metro/ bus card € 35 per month.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students can also apply for Erasmus+ funding for the year which they spend at the partner university. In 2022/23 this is 540€/month for students from KN and X€ for students from TV.</li> </ul>

Jobs in Konstanz	Many students earn money on the side – it has the added benefit that you immerse yourself in the local culture. Citizens from the EU as well
	as Malta, Cyprus and the EEA countries (Island, Norway, Liechtenstein) as well as Switzerland can work during the entire year. All other
	international students (including Croatian students) are permitted to work 120 days or 240 half-days (4-hours / day) per year, if the visa or
	residence permit do not explicitly forbid it.
	The Service Centre of the Student Service 'Seezeit Bodensee' provides a job board for students in the entrance area of the university (next
	to the Campus Café) or on this <u>website</u> .

# **B.** Academic Information

Academic	
structure**	

#### A (start in Konstanz for all Konstanz students)

#### YEAR 1:

MSc Economics			
Modules	Course ECTS	ECTS	Total
First Semester in Konstanz:	LOIG	30	60 ECTS
Advanced Econometrics	10		00 2010
Advanced Macroeconomics I	10		
Advanced Microeconomics I	10		
Second semester in Konstanz:		30	
Optional Modules and 1 seminar worth at least 30 ECTS*			

#### **YEAR 2\*:**

MSc Economics			
Modules	Course ECTS	Term ECTS	Total year ECTS
Third semester in Rome:		30	30 ECTS
Students take the courses that the regular TV students take.			
Compulsory in TV:			
Law and Economics – 6	6		
Public Sector Economics and Management – 6	6		
Optional – choose 18 ECTS (some taught in the third	18		
semester, some in the fourth) from the following programmes:			

MSc Economics			
MSc Finance and Banking			
MSc European Economy and Business Law			
Fourth semester in Rome: Labour and Personnel Economics – 6 ECTS Master thesis	6 24	24+6	30 ECTS
Total for Year 1 and Year 2	,		Must be at least 120 ECTS

<sup>\*</sup> Students may not take elective courses with identical or similar contents at the two universities.

### B (start in TV for all TV students)

#### **YEAR 1:**

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MSc Economics			
Modules	Course ECTS	Term ECTS	Total year ECTS
First semester in Rome: compulsory courses		36	60 (66) ECTS
Mathematics	12		
Statistics	6		
Econometrics	6		
Microeconomics I	6		
Coding for Economic Applications	-6		

Second semester in Rome: compulsory courses		24 (30)	
Time Series	6	, ,	
Microeconomics II	6		
Macroeconomics I	6		
Macroeconomics II	6 (6 elective)		
(Elective)	(O elective)		

#### **YEAR 2\*:**

MSc Economics			
Modules	Course	Term	Total year ECTS
	ECTS	ECTS	
Third semester in Konstanz**:			For both semesters
Students choose 4 modules and 1 seminar worth 30 ECTS,		30 (24)	60 (- 66) ECTS
agreed upon with the TV coordinator.		(= :)	
PhD-level modules may be available to students subject to			
qualification. Students may not take courses in their second			
year with identical or similar contents as first-year courses.			
Fourth semester in Konstanz:		30 (36)	
Master thesis (30 ECTS)	30	55 (55)	
and one course maximum (if a specialization course is taught			
in the summer semester, for example)	(6)		
in the summer semester, for example)			
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Total for Year 1 and Year 2			At least 120 ECTS

<sup>\*</sup> Students may not take courses in their second year with identical or similar contents as first-year courses.

# Seminar in KN for TV students

Students are required to take one seminar in Konstanz. You are advised to take it in your first semester in KN. The seminars for the first semester will be announced in June (often 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and one week ONLY). You will have to choose and register for a seminar agreed upon with the TV Coordinator. If you want to finish your Master here with an area of specialization, then your seminar has to be in that area. Students must then go to the individual professor's webpages and follow the application instructions. You will be notified of the registration dates and sent the application form in an email. (Occasionally students may opt to take it in their second semester in KN - please seek advice in this regard. They will always be announced in November.)

#### Master Thesis at KN

#### Overall setup

- The thesis in English (30 ECTS) is to be written within a fixed period of 4 months (April July/August) and is usually written in the fourth semester. Under exceptional circumstances a one month-extension can be granted this extension has to be agreed to by both supervisors. The length should not exceed 15,000 words = ~ 50 p.
- The thesis is jointly supervised and marked by an instructor from each department at the home and the host university.
- After the application see below has been finalized, the topic of the thesis cannot be changed.
- The topic of the thesis is required to be discussed and agreed upon with both supervisors; the supervisor at the university where the student spends her/his second year is the primary supervisor and should be the one primarily advising the student (in order to avoid conflicting advice). Students should start discussing the topic with their supervisors towards the end of the third semester.
- At the latest on the last day of the writing period the student is required to submit three bound hardcopy versions to the exams office in Konstanz (Room F258).
   At the same time the student is required to send one electronic copy to office.wiwi@uni.kn in Konstanz, and one copy to her/his supervisor at the home university.
- The thesis is jointly marked. The Konstanz professor usually submits a mark and a report to the exams office within 8 weeks; before that s/he should have had contact with the supervisor at the home university and should have either agreed upon a mark, or should have discussed her/his mark with his colleague. The home university supervisor sends her/his mark and the report to the exams office at office.wiwi@uni.kn in Konstanz within the same period.
- The student is sent both reports and the final mark by the end of October. The final mark is aggregated from the Konstanz mark and the conversed mark of the home university, based on the grade conversion table agreed upon and published on the KN double degree website.
- The KN thesis is recognized as an equivalent to the home universities thesis.

#### Timeline:

Year One: TV students study at TV

Year Two: TV students study in KN

**December:** Every year, KN and TV communicate about next year's dates.

**December/January/February:** The students identify KN and TV supervisors and discuss the topic.

**February:** the students officially submit the dissertation proposal with their final dissertation title to Konstanz (they are given a week within which to register); the form is signed by the KN supervisor and a brief email from the TV supervisor is attached (declaring the role as second supervisor). They also submit their dissertation proposal to the supervisor at TV at the end of February, providing proof of the KN supervisor's consent by handing in the KN proposal form. Once also the TV supervisor gives the consent, the students are supposed to inform by email the MSc Coordinator and MSc Office in TV of the dissertation proposal with their final dissertation title and the names of both supervisors.

**March:** the KN departmental secretary sends a letter to both supervisors with the final title, a timeline and the conversion of marks. The latter assists the supervisors to agree on a mark.

**End of March**: up to 3-4 days before the writing period starts (which always varies slightly to avoid weekends as a submission day), the student receive a snail-mail letter indicating the starting and ending date of the writing period.

**April – July/August:** writing period is 4 months.

#### July/August

- 1. Student submits two hardcopies and an electronic pdf of their dissertation to office in Konstanz.
- 2. Student submits electronic pdf to TV supervisor.

An oral defense of the Master Thesis at TV is not required.

**September:** Supervisors revise the thesis. First supervisor submits proposal to TV second supervisor. KN and TV agree on a mark, or submit their diverging marks. TV sends electronic dissertation feedback to KN. If the marks differ, the average is taken.

**October:** Students are sent the two feedback forms and the mark; on the KN side, the mark is entered into the database ZEuS, and the final degree certificate is issued. The student sends the final transcript to TV, along with a zip file of the final thesis and a scan of the degree certificate.

End of November/December: KN graduation ceremony.

Any deviation from the above set-up must be communicated to all involved at the earliest possible time, and any changes need to be approved by all involved.

#### Masters Thesis at TV

#### **Overall Setup**

In order to obtain the Master of Science degree, students are required to discuss their written thesis in front of the examination board, either during the summer graduation session (usually mid-July) or during the fall graduation session (usually mid-October).

To be admitted to the graduation session students must earn all the credit points provided for in the program structure except for those credits of the thesis and must not have any pending financial obligations to University of Tor Vergata.

The thesis is worth 24 credit points according to the program structure of the MSc Program. The thesis is evaluated on contents, presentation and defense. The evaluation is expressed out of 110. Students pass the final degree exam if they obtain a mark of at least 66. The Board can unanimously award "lode" (cum laude) as a special distinction.

The thesis preparation is divided into the following phases:

- Assignment of the thesis
- Admission to the graduation session and thesis submission
- Thesis oral presentation (supported by a PowerPoint or PDF) and awarding of the graduation grade.

#### **Assignment procedures**

The student selects a thesis supervisor, who will supervise the progress of the work, and inform the MSc Economics Program Office. Once the thesis has been officially submitted, the thesis supervisor will nominate, among the professors of the Examination Board, a co-examiner to act as the interlocutor during the defense of the thesis. The student selects and communicates a second supervisor at Konstanz to all involved.

#### Request for admission to the graduation session and Thesis Submission

To be admitted to the graduation session, students must deliver session the following documents to the Office of Student Affairs about 45 days before the graduation: (for example, if the graduation session is on July 16th, all documents should be delivered by June 1st. If you need more time for delivery of the documents, please contact the coordinator).

- Requests for admission to the graduation session "domanda di ammissione dell'esame di laurea at "Delphi website"
- Receipt verifying the filling in of the evaluation questionnaire Almalaurea

Forms and procedures for admission to the graduation session are online at http://delphi.uniroma2.it

A \_ Procedure at http://delphi.uniroma2.it:

1- Select "student section"

	2-Then "manage career online"
	3-Click on Access to the student section
	-Then click on <b>Secure mode</b>
	4) Login with your enrolment number (Matricola) and password.
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	5) Select "esame di laurea (degree examination)> "manage application to graduate"
	6) Click on next (at the bottom of the page)
	7) Click on "Fill out domanda di ammissione dell'esame di laurea" (Request for admission to graduation session) and complete the form online; in this section you'll find blank space (box) to write any notification about your exams. At the end of the procedure you can print the form.  The last page is the Request which indicates your personal info, name of your program and the amount you should pay for graduation.
	Almalaurea questionnaire (this will take time so students should plan accordingly)
	8) Go to "manage application for graduation" and select "Registrazione su almalaurea"
	- on the first page, check your personal data,
	- on the next page, choose "laureando", choose enrolment year "Anno Di iscrizione al corso", choose the year when you'll finish this program, search your program
	name and select it from below, click "acconsento"
	8a) insert your email, phone, then choose an 8-character password and click "salva" to save your data.
	You have completed the registration. Click on "vai al login"
	8 b) For login you are asked username and password, which was sent to your email, when you registered in section 8a.
	8 c) After login you need to fill out the exact time of your graduation (for example 16/07/2023), then you should click on icon right down "Compila il Questionario"
	8 d) Now you can choose the language of the questionnaire
	8 e) Fill out all pages patiently ;-)
	8 f) When you complete the questionnaire, click to print it or save the document on your computer, it's one of the documents that should be delivered to the Office of
	Student Affairs.
	Thesis oral presentation and awarding of the graduation grade
	The graduation consists in an oral presentation and a discussion which includes answering questions and discussing issues raised by the members of the Examination
	Board. The Board decides the student's final grade.
	There is not an official dress code for the graduation session, but please abstain from overly casual attire.
Content	Find the Module Handbook, the curriculum and an overview of the specialisation areas here
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Content	Course descriptions, timetables etc: MSc Economics, MSc Finance and Banking, MSc European Economy and Business Law
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Information TV Conversion of Marks	The grades are converted so that the same grades correspond to comparable achievements.  Valid starting with 17/18											
	Marks KN		1,0	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,7	4,0
	Marks TV		30 + 30 e lode	29	27/28	26	25/24	23	22	21/20	19	18

<sup>\*\*</sup>Information on specializing in Konstanz in the double degree:

Students should pay close attention to the information below and seek advice from the University Konstanz advisor. In the case that a student is not able to take the compulsory courses s/he needs in order to specialize (for example if both courses are taught in the summer semester and this would coincide with writing the thesis), the director of the Msc Economics is happy to look for alternative courses that will then be compulsory in the specific case!

#### **Area 1: Econometrics and Applied Economics**

Compulsory Modules for Majoring (the semesters in brackets refer to KN):

- Applied Time Series Analysis (summer semester)
- Microeconometrics (summer semester)

Both courses are offered in Konstanz and in TV

#### **Area 2: International Financial Economics**

#### **Compulsory Modules for Majoring:**

- Risk Management (summer semester)
- Portfolio Management (winter semester)

#### Both courses are offered in Konstanz and in TV - Portfolio Management in KN is called ASSET MANAGEMENT in TV

#### **Area 3: Macroeconomics and International Economics**

Compulsory Modules for Majoring:

- Advanced Macroeconomics II (summer semester)
- International Monetary Economics (summer semester)

#### Both cohorts take Monetary Economics at TV and Adv Macro II at KN

#### **Area 4: Microeconomics and Decision Making**

Compulsory Modules for Majoring:

- Advanced Microeconomics II (summer semester)
- Behavioural Economics (winter semester)

KN students should talk to their advisor before looking into this option TV students take both in KN

#### **Area 5: Public Economics**

Compulsory Modules for Majoring:

- Economics of Taxation (summer semester)
- Political Economy (summer semester)

KN students take both courses in KN TV students should talk to a Konstanz advisor before looking into this option