MASTER'S PROGRAM IN

QUANTITATIVE DECISION MAKING IN ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT

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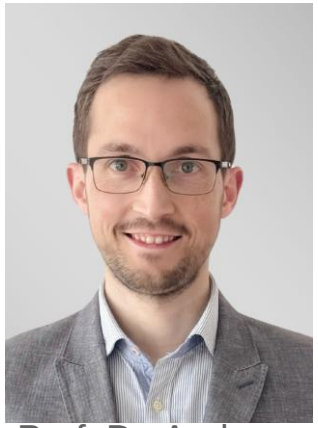

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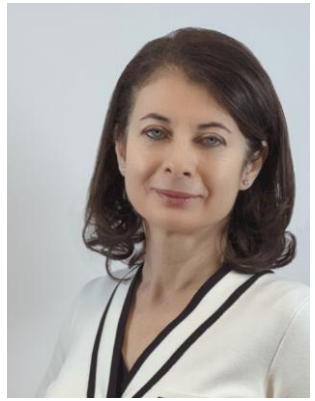

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This program is appropriate for you if …

- you have fun using **computers to analyze data** and to **write up** your own **programs**
- you are interested in **strategic decision making** based on **empirical evidence** regarding **behavioral** and **microeconomic** mechanisms
- you want to increase your toolkit of **formal methods** to make data-driven decisions

What is the program about?

The program combines three domains:

1. **Econometric Methods**
2. **Management Science & Business Intelligence**
3. **Economic Behavior & Strategy**

Graduates will have profound knowledge in both…

1. **Analyzing data**
2. **Solving decision problems** in complex economic environments

This meets an **increasing demand** on the labor market

Career Opportunities

Wide range of career paths, including

- Data analyst or data scientist or statistician
- Economic analyst in ministries, banks or research institutions
- Management consultant, optimizing business operations
- Market research analyst, analysing consumer behavior
- Business intelligence analyst, optimizing decision-making processes
- Entrepreneur or business owner, leveraging data-driven insights
- Academic career

Examples of Employment Possibilities

Google Careers

Data Scientist, Ads Metrics

Google In-office: Zürich Switzerland

- Master's degree in a quantitative discipline (e.g., Statistics, Operations Research, Bioinformatics, Economics, Computational Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering) or equivalent practical experience.
- Experience with statistical software (e.g., R, Python, MATLAB, pandas) and database languages (e.g., SQL)
- Experience with statistical data analysis such as multivariate analysis, stochastic models, sampling methods

Dassault Systemes Deutschland GmbH

Operations Research Scientist (m/f/d) DELMIA Quintiq

Düsseldorf Feste Anstellung Vollzeit Erschienen: vor 3 Wochen

- Relevant background in algorithmic techniques in operations research and/or artificial intelligence (linear programming, genetic algorithms, heuristic search techniques, logic programming, etc.).
- Master's degree in Operations Research, Computer Science, Mathematics, Econometrics, Artificial Intelligence, or similar.
- Your strong analytical skills complement your nature to challenge boundaries and think outside the box

Ökonom, Volkswirt, Economist, Economic Consulting

Frankfurt am Main/Berlin, Germany

OXFORD ECONOMICS

Sie wollen Ihre soliden quantitativen Fähigkeiten und Ihr ökonomisches Verständnis auf konkrete Fragestellungen und Herausforderungen unserer Kunden anwenden. Die erfolgreiche Bewerber*in wird an allen Aspekten eines Kundenauftrags arbeiten, einschließlich der Erstellung von Angeboten, des Projektmanagements, der analytischen Arbeit und der Übermittlung der Ergebnisse an die Kunden. Wir suchen Kandidat*innen für verschiedene Bereiche, darunter Klimawandel, digitale Märkte, Bauwesen, Wohnungsbau, Analyse der wirtschaftlichen Auswirkungen von Politikmaßnahmen, Wirtschaftsmodellierung und Szenarioanalyse

- Erfahrung in der Durchführung ökonometrischer Analysen (wünschenswert)
- Gute Präsentations- und Schreibfähigkeiten
- Ausgezeichnete Kenntnisse in Microsoft Excel, Word und PowerPoint
- Programmierkenntnisse in Stata, Python oder R oder Bereitschaft, sich diese anzueignen

Examples Of Employment Possibilities

Bosch Gruppe

Data Scientist - Time Series Analysis & Forecasting (f/m/div.)

Renningen | Feste Anstellung | Vollzeit | Erschienen: vor 2 Tagen

Schnelle Bewerbung

excellent communication and documentation skills, experience in mentoring junior colleagues, proven expertise in time series forecasting as well as in at least one of the following fields: neural networks, generalized linear models, recommendation systems, statistics, latent variable models, clustering and anomaly detection, demonstrated experience in working with ML/DL frameworks (e.g. scikit-learn, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, R's forecast package), publications at major conferences or journals are highly appreciated, proficiency in Python (especially in such libraries as Pandas, Numpy, Scipy, statsmodels)

DAIMLER

Internship as a Data Scientist in the field of digital transformation

- Design and structuring of databases
- Data visualization with the help of dashboards using PowerBI
- Collaboration and development of predictive analytics (regression analysis, forecasting & machine learning) projects
- Degree in Computer Science, Business Informatics, Statistics, Mathematics, Economics (VWL), Business Administration (BWL), Industrial Engineering or a comparable course of study with existing quantitative affinity

Sources: Data Scientist – Google; Data Scientist, Time Series Analysis & Forecasting (f/m/div.) – Bosch; Operation Research Scientist (m/f/d) - DELMIA Quintiq; Oxford Economics Jobbörse; Daimler: Daimler Jobbörse

Key Facts

- Next program start: winter term 2026/27 (begin only possible in the winter term)
- Application period: **01.04. – 15.05.**
- International certificates have to official recognized by JGU prior to application
- 20 - 30 places
- Selection criteria: **GPA (50%)** and **entrance test (50%)**
- Core modules in English
- Most elective modules in English, some in German
- Small groups, interactive teaching, hands-on learning

Program Structure

1st semester: Core modules

Mathematics/Statistics
Programming
Econometrics of Cross Section and Panel Data
Management Science/Operations Research
Economic Decision Making & Strategic Interaction

2nd and 3rd semester: Specialization modules

Academic Skills
Applied Project Seminars (2 seminars)

Elective modules - Econometrics

Elective modules - Management Science & Business Intelligence

Elective modules - Economic Behavior & Strategy

Elective modules - Free Part
(Management, Accounting & Finance, Epidemiology, Sociology)

4th semester: Master's thesis

Master's Thesis
Research Colloquium

1st semester: Fundamentals

Mathematics/Statistics

Programming
Econometrics of Cross Section and Panel Data

Management Science/Operations Research
Economics Decision Making & Strategic Interaction

2nd & 3rd semester: Specialization

Academic Skills, 2 Applied Project Seminars (offered every semester in every domain); 7 elective modules

Econometrics

- Microeconometrics A
- Microeconometrics B
- Advanced Time Series
- Economic Analysis of Micro Data
- Systematic Reviews and Meta Analysis
- Official Statistics and Survey Methods
- Data Governance
- Mehrebenen- und Panelanalyse
- Informations- und Datenschutzrecht
- Psychometrics

Management Science/ Business Intelligence

- Data Analytics
- Data Science und Maschinelles Lernen
- Database Systems/ Info. Systems
- Web Mining und Datenvisualisierung
- Location Planning & Network Design
- Programming Operations Research Models & Methods
- Transportation I
- Transportation II
- Computational Intelligence

Economic Behavior & Strategy

- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Digital Economics
- Behavioral & Experimental Economics
- Behavioral Finance
- Behavioral Measurement
- Economics of Education
- Environmental Economics
- Theoretical Labour Economics
- Game Theory in Accounting

Free Part *(Further modules in Management, Accounting and Finance, Epidemiology, Sociology)*

4th semester: Research

Master's Thesis

Research Colloquium

Detailed module descriptions are available on Study Office website (Downloadcenter):
QDEM module guide

Scientific Research

Applied project seminars

- Two seminars must be taken
- Seminars available in all specialization areas
- Previous seminar topics:
  - Health Econometrics
  - Empirical Labor Economics
  - Logistics Management
  - Information Systems
  - Topics in Economic Behavior and Strategy

Master‘s thesis

- In-depth work on an own specific research project
- Duration: 4 months
- Writing a Master's thesis in cooperation with a company or an (international) organization is generally possible

Program from a Student‘s Perspective

Studying abroad

- 3rd semester (winter semester) best suitable for a stay abroad
- The faculty has more than 50 cooperations with universities around the world
- Recognition of study achievements by the study office (in case of similarity in content and scope)
- Stay abroad in **China** or **Japan** with the Faculty 03 International Office (see https://wiwi.uni-mainz.de/en/studies/china-japan/)
- For more information on study abroad opportunities, the JGU International Office is also available (see https://www.studium.uni-mainz.de/studium-im-ausland/)

Partner Universities

Erasmus+

www.erasmus.wiwi.uni-mainz.de

- ✓ Austria
- ✓ Belgium
- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Finland
- ✓ France
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Great Britain
- ✓ Italy
- ✓ Latvia
- ✓ Norway
- ✓ Poland
- ✓ Portugal
- ✓ Romania
- ✓ Sweden
- ✓ Switzerland
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Turkey

Study in China or Japan

with the Department of Business and Economics International Office

Admission Requirements

English language skills

- B2 level
- Comprehensive information about the possible forms of proof can be found on the QDEM website

Bachelor‘s degree

- 18 ECTS in Management/Economics
- 19 ECTS in Mathematics/Statistics/Econometrics/Quantitative Empirical Methods

Entrance test

Entrance Test

Test specifics:

- Electronic test
- 90 minutes
- can be taken on JGU campus or remote
- Next date: **June 22, 2026 (10:00 – 14:00 MEZ)**

Focus of the test:

- Conceptual understanding
- Abstraction from specific notation

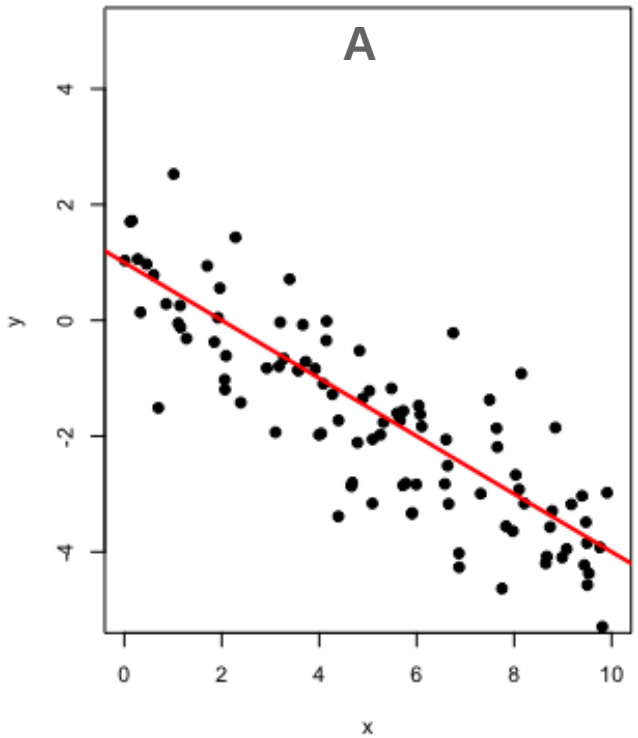
“Sample Material” and references to textbooks available on the homepage

Entrance Test - Content

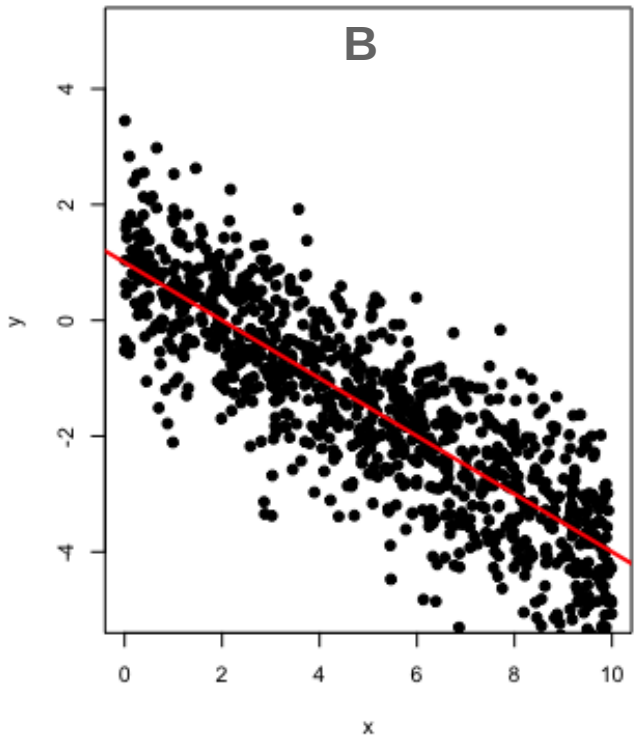
- Analysis (differentiation, integration, optimization)
- Linear algebra (matrix notation, operations, system of linear equations)
- Stochastic/probability theory (random variables, convergence)
- Descriptive statistics
- Estimation/testing
- Multiple regression analysis
- Algorithms (control structures, “reading”)
- Microeconomic foundations (supply/demand, costs/profits, utility/preferences, market models)
- Game theory

Sample Questions

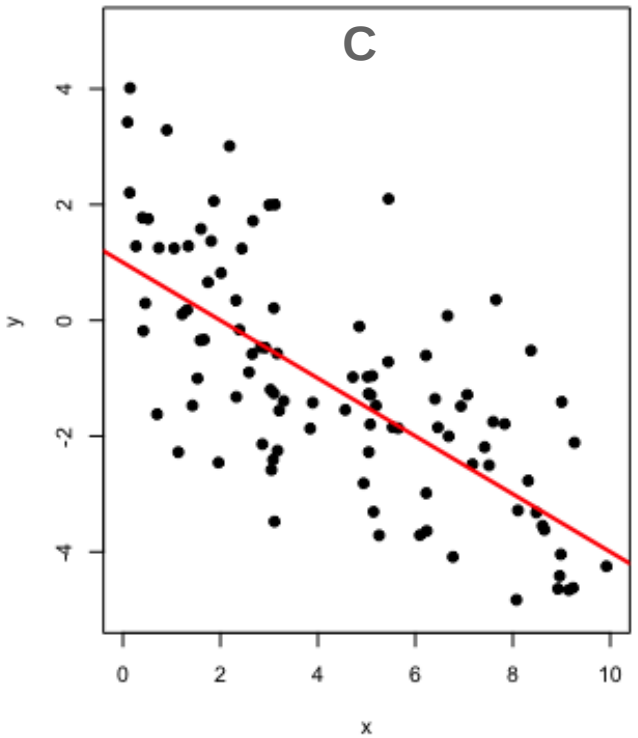
For the three samples below, a regression analysis is carried out to estimate the model $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$.
Which sample leads to the smallest standard error for the estimate of β_1 (A, B or C) ?



σ_ε =0.95 N=100



$\sigma_\varepsilon = 1$ N=1000



$\sigma_\varepsilon = 1.5$ N=100

Sample Questions

Carry out the following matrix operations.

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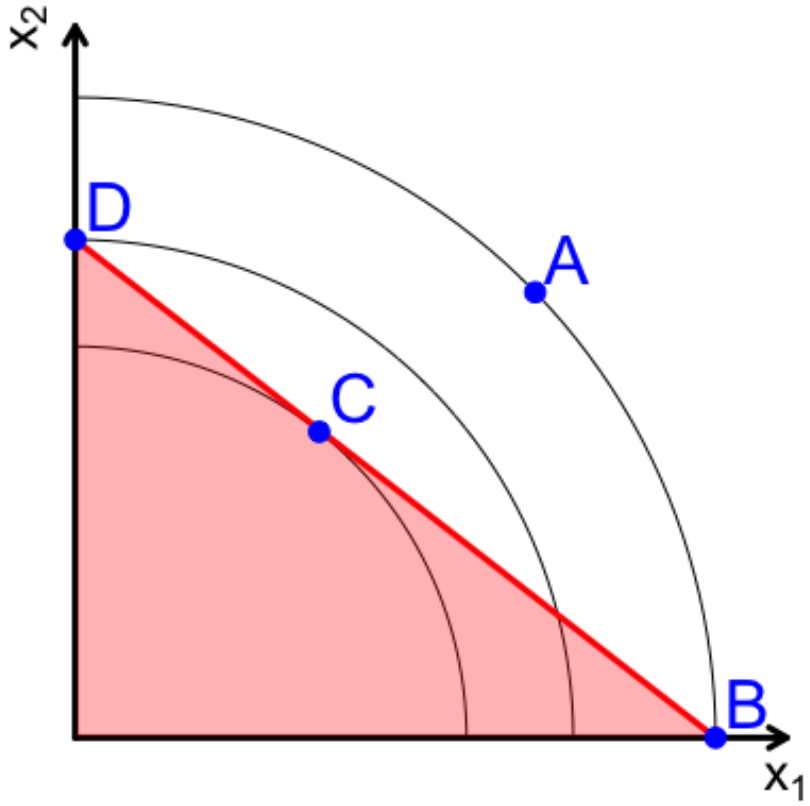
Sample Questions

The diagram shows the indifference curves of an ordinary consumer in a two-product setup (x_1, x_2) and the budget constraint. Which product-bundle will the consumer choose (A,B,C or D)?



Why QDEM?

- It is fun working with data and data-analytical skills are increasingly demanded on the labor market
- Interesting topics, up-to-date methodical training with a high degree of flexibility
- Committed, research-active and internationally visible lecturers
- An inspiring, interdisciplinary environment at the JGU and the Department of Business and Economics
- International student body
- Dynamic economic and political environment in the Rhine/Main area (ministries, central banks, Destatis, international companies)
- High reputation of the program among public institutions and private-sector companies
  (see testimonials on the QDEM website: https://en.wiwi.uni-mainz.de/master-of-science-in-quantitative-decision-making-in-economics-and-management/)

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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