When it comes to mega corporations, how can policy makers limit market power? Why do we still have a gender wage gap? And what kind of policy measures are effective during a global pandemic? Your Master’s degree in Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) not only qualifies you as a specialist in the field of economics, but also when it comes to analyzing economic policy measures.
The Master’s degree program in Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) focuses on policy-related economic issues, actively addressing the following economic and socio-political fields:

- Competition and Consumer Protection
- Education, Migration, and Labor Markets
- International, Monetary, and Macroeconomics
- Public, Health, and Environmental Economics

This means that nothing can stand in the way of a successful career in the public or private sector as an analyst, in consulting, or conducting research!

**YOUR BENEFITS**

This Master’s degree program qualifies you as an expert in the area of applied economic policy analysis and consulting.

You develop a solid background in economic theory.

The English-only program hones your communication skills and your hands-on expertise.
Educational Objectives and Career Prospects.

What will you learn

Graduates of the Master’s degree program in Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) are:

- well-versed in all corresponding theories and methods related to economic research and analysis in both the public and private sector.
- outstanding professionals in the field of economics, capable of familiarizing themselves with new topics quickly and independently.
- understand how to apply their skills and expertise professionally to successfully pursue problem-solving approaches in their respective areas of specialization.
- capable of applying quantitative analytical training methods to respond to specific issues related to defined research topics.
- demonstrate strong analytical, leadership and interpersonal skills.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the Master’s degree program in Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) are highly sought after as experts in their field and have the opportunity to pursue a wide range of professional careers. Depending on your personal interests, you can pursue a career in the following areas as, for example, an analyst, a researcher, or as a consultant:

- conducting consumer, product, and market research as part of an analytics team at a financial institution or multinational corporation
- in an economic policy department at an international organization such as the EU, OECD, UN, WHO, etc.
- in economic research and policy related to monetary and macroeconomic issues at the Austrian National Bank (OeNB) or the European Central Bank (ECB)
- at the federal or state level for Austrian public administration as part of an operational department (i.e. education, budget, spatial planning, etc.)
- at a university of applied sciences in the areas of research and teaching
Subject Areas

As part of the Master’s degree program, students are required to complete courses totalling 120 ECTS credits in the following areas:

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See: jku.at/ma-economics, the curriculum, or visit the Student Information and Advising Services (SIBS) for detailed information.

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Admission Requirements

- Prospective applicants who hold a Bachelor’s or Diploma degree in Business & Economics awarded by the JKU (or a comparable academic program considered equivalent in content and scope) can enroll in the Master’s degree program in Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) without further constraints.

- If your first language is not the language of the degree program, you will be required to submit proof of a B2 level of proficiency in English.

- Contact the Admissions Office for additional information about the prerequisites.

Advanced Degrees at the JKU

- PhD Program in Economics and Statistics
The JKU in a Nutshell

Over 23,000 students are enrolled at the JKU, making it Upper Austria’s largest institution for research and higher-level education. Students can choose from over 100 academic degree programs in law, business, economics, social sciences, engineering and natural sciences, computer sciences, education, and medicine. You benefit from a unique campus environment and a low student-to-faculty ratio.

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