

Master in Applied Economics

Information Sheet: Changes Study Plan 2025/2026

for students that started in 2024/2025 or earlier

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The study plan for the academic year 2025/2026 changes substantially. For students that started studying during academic year 2024/2025 or earlier, these changes imply that some courses are not available anymore and new courses are on offer. In addition, students have the possibility to finish under the new study plan (see opt-in form at the end of this document).

This document provides basic information how the changeover is handled. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the student counsellor (Conseil-etudes.SECO@unine.ch) or the programme administration (master.economics@unine.ch).

Compulsory courses

Some compulsory courses are not offered anymore (e.g. Topics in Labor Economics, Economics of Regulation, Topics in Development Economics). If you have not yet taken these courses, you have to take equivalent courses.¹ We list a few recommendations for replacements in the table below. Other replacements may be possible. In any case, contact the student counsellor (Conseil-etudes.SECO@unine.ch) for approval of the equivalent courses in advance.

Elective courses

Some elective courses are not offered anymore. In general, you can take all elective and compulsory courses that are on the new study plan as equivalences.² We list a few recommendations for replacements in the table below. Other replacements may be possible. In any case, contact the student counsellor (Conseil-etudes.SECO@unine.ch) for approval of the equivalent courses in advance. In addition, you can take courses at other Universities.

¹ If you have already written an exam but failed, you can write a re-take exam in the original course.

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However, this requires prior approval (use the mobility approval form available on www.unine.ch/seco/formations/master-of-science-in-applied-economics/current-students/).

Majors/Tracks

On the new study plan, the specialisations (*Tracks*) comprise a different set of courses than before (*Majors*). The relevant courses to earn a Major are those on the study plan you started with. If those courses are not offered anymore (e.g. Public Policy Evaluation, Energy Economics), you can take the courses offered in the new Tracks instead (The Track in Sustainability corresponds to the Major in Energy and Environmental Policy) as equivalent courses. We list a few recommendations for replacements in the table below. Other replacements may be possible. In any case, contact the student counsellor (Conseil-etudes.SECO@unine.ch) for approval of the equivalent courses in advance. In addition, you can take courses at other Universities. However, this requires prior approval (use the mobility approval form available on www.unine.ch/seco/formations/master-of-science-in-applied-economics/current-students/).

Master's thesis

On the new study plan, a Master's thesis is worth 18 ECTS. If you started during 2024/2025 or earlier, the number of credits you earn for the Master's thesis will still amount to 30 ECTS. Make sure to talk with your supervisor about the number of credits and mention that you started to study in 2024/2025 or earlier. In addition, make sure you choose the correct option on the Internship/Research Thesis Application Form, which will be updated soon on www.unine.ch/seco/formations/master-of-science-in-applied-economics/current-students/.

Recommendations for equivalent courses

Title (Study Plan 2024/2025)	Sem.	ECTS	Replacement (Study Plan 2025/2026)
Topics in labor economics	Fall	3	Empirical labor economics (6 ECTS) or health economics and policy (3 ECTS) or international finance and macroeconomics (3 ECTS)
International economics and trade policy	Spring	3	Globalization and trade policy (6 ECTS) or international finance and macroeconomics (3 ECTS)
Economics of regulation	Spring	3	Macroeconomic policy (3 ECTS) or economic research and AI (3 ECTS) or international finance and macroeconomics (3 ECTS)
Topics in development economics	Spring	3	Macroeconomic policy (3 ECTS) or economic research and AI (3 ECTS) or international finance and macroeconomics (3 ECTS)
Public policy evaluation	Fall	3	Empirical labor economics (6 ECTS) or health economics and policy (3 ECTS) or international finance and macroeconomics (3 ECTS)
Energy economics	Spring	3	Sustainable finance (6 ECTS)

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Request opt-in new study plan 2025/2026

Students that started studying under the study plan 2024/2025 or earlier can *optionally finish their studies under the new study plan 2025/2026*. Because the new study plan offers various improvements, we recommend that you benefit from this possibility. If you would like to take this option, please submit the following form to the student counsellor (Conseil-etudes.SECO@unine.ch). The **deadline** for submitting the form is **10 October 2025** (deadline for course registration)

In particular, the opt-in to the new study plan implies:

- The Master's thesis counts 18 ECTS instead of 30 ECTS
- The specialisations that can be earned (*Tracks*) are called *Data Science* and *Sustainability*
- A specialisation requires 12 ECTS of courses listed on the new study plan
- ECTS earned in the old specialisations (*Majors*) can be counted as equivalences for the corresponding new specialisations upon request
- Mandatory courses are those listed on the new study plan
- If students already took mandatory courses under the old study plan, they can count as equivalences for mandatory courses on the new study plan upon request

By signing this document, students agree to finish their studies under the new study plan 2025/2026: Once signed, it will not be possible to return studying under the previous study plan.

Student signature:

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Student name:

Student Counsellor

Date: