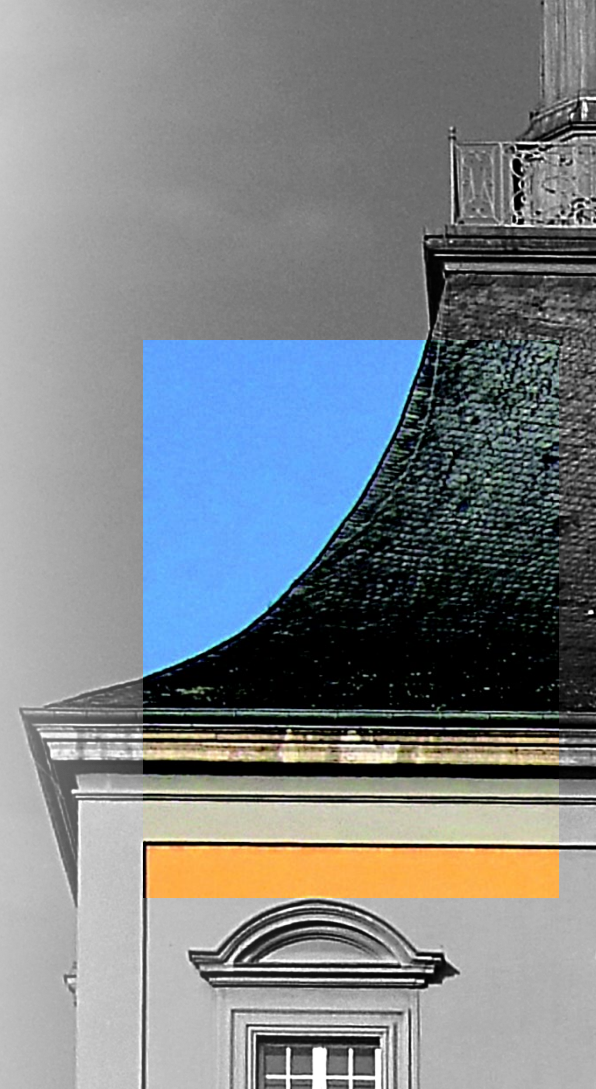


BONN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

*** RESEARCH TRACK ***



Two good reasons for doing a PhD in Economics

1. “You want to do economic research, you have questions you're interested in answering, and you have ideas about how to answer them.”
2. “You want to teach economics at the university level.”

Stuart J. Hillmon, *Getting a PhD in Economics*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014

The primary focus of a PhD program in economics is to train students doing economic research.

BGSE Alumni (2018-2023):

- 48 % of BGSE Alumni stayed in academia.
- 29 % go to the public sector with a focus on research.
- 23 % of BGSE Alumni have started a career in the non-academic / private sector.

Are you eager to do research?

Can you imagine a career in academia or research-related institutions?

Welcome to the BGSE!

BGSE FACTS & FIGURES

- trademark BGSE established in 1998 (experience in structured graduate education since the late 1970ies)
- BGSE belongs to the Economics Department
- 110 doctoral students
- All professors and junior professors of our department are BGSE members and (can) serve as doctoral supervisors
- academic director: Prof. Dr. Benny Moldovanu

THE BGSE OFFERS

- a structured doctoral program in economics (basic courses, advanced courses, topics courses, workshops, special events) for highly qualified students with a strong interest in quantitative economic research
- great research environment, cooperations and partners
- office space and computer equipment for BGSE students
- funds for conference participations, research visits abroad, experiments
- grants

PHD COURSE PROGRAM

RULES OF GOOD STANDING

		<i>rules of good standing / prerequisites for funding and for proceeding to the doctoral program</i>
M.Sc. Economics, / Economic Research (two years)	1 st semester	3 Ph.D.-level basic courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, plus mathematics for economists, all 4 courses with a passing grade (i.e. 4.0 or better in every course)
	2 nd semester	3 level-II courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, plus one topics course* or selected M.Sc. course with a passing grade (i.e. 4.0 or better) <i>and</i> an average grade overall 8 courses taken in the first year of least 2.5
	3 rd semester	2-4 topics courses or selected M.Sc. courses (focus on topics courses*) furthermore: BGSE workshop participation
	4 th semester	0-2 topics courses or selected M.Sc. courses (focus on topics courses*) furthermore: BGSE workshop participation, M.Sc. thesis with min. 2.3, find your first supervisor for the dissertation phase



PHD COURSE PROGRAM

doctoral program (three years)	1 st year	brown bag presentation (1 st semester) find your second supervisor (1 st semester) work on and finish your first paper
	2 nd year	workshop presentation (3 rd semester) work on and finish your second paper
	3 rd year	find your third supervisor (5 th semester) work on and finish your third paper submit your Ph.D. thesis prepare for the job market
<i>The participation in a BGSE workshop is expected during the whole program. Additional offers: soft skill courses, conference participations, research stay abroad</i>		

What is important for you to know if you intend to apply?

Basic courses on master level won't be acknowledged by the BGSE for basic courses on phd level!



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You can apply in 2025 or 2026 or 2027 (or later).

You can already take PhD level basic courses this semester **BUT think about it twice!**

- You will have to **work much harder** (much more work for earning the same grade, **risk of bad grades** in comparison to the regular basic courses).
- You will get a **grant only later** after successfully applying at the BGSE (four years funding instead of five years).
- You can also do the Ph.D. level basic courses later once you have successfully applied and starting the program with a grant and your fellow students.

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What is important for you to know if you intend to apply?

If you have a **serious** interest in obtaining a doctoral degree in Bonn and if you are willing to take extra risk and much much more work by participating in the PhD level basic courses already this semester, please drop me an email asap (this weekend), shortly explaining your motivation.

BGSE application procedure

- application deadline **January 15** (application portal opens in November 2024)
- program starts in October
- one can apply without having a master degree
- online application platform
- necessary documents amongst others:
 - two confidential letters of recommendation, GRE

For more information, visit our website:

www.bgse.uni-bonn.de

If you have any questions,
contact us: info.bgse@uni-bonn.de