## WHY EMEA?

## Shima'a Hanafy, Philipps-Universität Marburg



EMEA offers an opportunity to obtain excellent education in economics with a focus on the applicability to economies of the Arab region. For me as an Egyptian PhD student who studied in Germany, I believe that studying in Germany and the Arab region within a group of international students is a unique chance for experiencing cultural exchange and enhancing intercultural competences.

#### Prof. Dr. Ghassan Dibeh, LAU



In these times of change in the Arab world, the EMEA programme offers students the opportunity to study the fundamental economic and political-economic problems that the Arab world faces. I believe that the experience of cooperation between German and Arab academics will shed light on these issues and help cohorts of students to better understand the different perspectives on the development challenges of Arab economies.

### **Tobias Caris, ECAR cohort 2009**



Building upon my first degree, a BSc in International Economics that combined Modern Standard Arabic with mainstream economics, ECAR offered me a singular opportunity to focus on the economies of the MENA region within an intercultural study environment. Adding to these factors first hand experiences in the field of German development cooperation strongly increased my employment opportunities.

# **APPLICATION**

# What are the application requirements?

- First degree in economics or related studies
- Proof of English language proficiency

#### For a DAAD scholarship, applicants should furthermore

- have at least 2 years of work experience
- provide 2 letters of recommendation

### **Application Deadline**

- 26 May 2013 for scholarships
- 15 July 2013 for self-financed participation



Master of Science **Economics of the Middle East (EMEA)** 





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#### What is the idea behind EMEA?

EMEA is a unique Master's programme designed for students who want to acquire a solid foundation in economic analysis in combination with specific knowledge about the economies of the MENA region.

For this purpose, EMEA combines an academic focus with hands-on regional experience: lectures are taking place at the Lebanese American University (LAU) in Beirut and the Master's thesis can be written during a six months stay in the MENA region.

EMEA is jointly offered with the LAU and was designed reflecting our experience with the successful Master's programme 'Economic Change in the Arab Region' (ECAR).

#### How does EMEA work?

- Four semesters with a total of 120 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits
- Graduate-level economics and introductory MENA economics followed by specialised courses
- Economics and interdisciplinary electives facilitate specialisation according to individual interests
- Financial support for German and Arab language courses available for DAAD scholarship holders

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### How is the programme's content structured?

1st Semester   Marburg		
October - March	30	
<ul> <li>Graduate-level courses in core economics</li> <li>Introductory courses in MENA Economics</li> </ul>		
2nd Semester   Marburg		
April - September	30	
<ul><li>Specialised courses in economics</li><li>Advanced courses in MENA economics</li></ul>		
3rd Semester   Beirut		
October - March	30	
<ul><li>Advanced courses in MENA economics</li><li>Politics of the MENA region</li></ul>		
4th Semester   MENA Region		
April - September	30	
Master's Thesis		
24 months		

### How do I benefit from EMEA?

- Unique combination of economics and economic topics specifically relating to the Middle East
- Master of Science tailored to the job market for economists with in-depth regional expertise
- Small class size and regular exchange with teaching staff facilitate study success
- Key qualifications by means of application training, intensive tutorial work, and essay-writing
- Extracurricular activities provide insights and hands-on experience
- Intercultural competence through an international class and semesters abroad

### How do I finance my participation?

- DAAD scholarships are available for nationals of selected MENA countries and Germany
- Self-financing participation is open to qualified applicants independent of nationality

#### Contact us

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