

Economic Analysis Master's Programme (English, full-time) - Oral Admission Exam Requirements for the 2026A Central Admission Procedure

Name of the Master's Programme	Economic Analysis
Type of Exam	Oral
Name of the Exam	Admission Interview for the Economic Analysis Master's Programme
Duration of the Exam	15–30 minutes
Mode of the Exam	Online
Short Description of the Exam	The admission interview is a discussion designed to assess your motivation, academic preparedness, and communication skills. The interview has three main parts: 1. ☐ Introduction and Personal Background We will ask you to briefly summarize your academic and professional journey so far and highlight achievements you are proud of. 2. ☐ Motivation and Future Plans We would like to understand why you chose to continue your studies at the master's level, why you selected Corvinus University, and what goals you plan to achieve with your degree. You may also ask questions about the program. 3. ☐ Assessment of Academic Competence We will ask about your bachelor's thesis (or other relevant academic work), your economics coursework, and a few questions related to the field. You may also be asked to comment on a short economic scenario, concept, or graph. What we are looking for During the conversation, we assess whether the candidate... •shows motivation and a clear purpose, •can express ideas clearly in English, •demonstrates analytical and logical thinking, •has basic academic preparedness for master's-level studies, •can reason in a structured and reflective way.
Tools Allowed During the Exam	none
Recommended Literature	Mishkin: Macroeconomics: Policy and Practice, 2nd edition, 2014, Pearson; OR Mankiw: Macroeconomics, 10th ed., 2018, Macmillan; AND Perloff: Microeconomics, 8th ed., 2017, Pearson; AND Carvajal, Andres - Strom, Arne - Sydsaeter, Knut - Hammond, Peter: Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis, Pearson Education Limited, 2021.
Exam Topics	Microeconomics, macroeconomics, basic quantitative skills, and motivation for master's studies.

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Sample Questions / Example Tasks	A. Introduction • "What are you most proud of in your studies or work?" B. Motivation & Future Plans • "How does this degree fit into your 5-year career plan?" C. Academic Competence • "Which economics course did you find most interesting, and why?" • Sample topic questions - oMicro: "How does a perfectly competitive firm decide output? How is this different for a monopoly? Please explain using words, not formulas." - oMacro: "Briefly explain the difference between frictional and structural unemployment, and give one example of each." - oQuantitative analysis: "What does it mean to choose an optimal value of a variable in economics? How is the first-order condition interpreted?" • Mini-task (scenario or graph) Here is a chart showing ... What do you observe? What possible economic mechanisms could explain this pattern?" D. Closing • "Do you have any questions for us?"
Sample Questions / Example Tasks	A. Introduction • "Please summarize your academic and professional path so far." B. Motivation & Future Plans • "Why did you choose Corvinus and this specific program?" C. Academic Competence • "What was the topic and main finding of your bachelor's thesis?" • Sample topic questions - oMicro: "What is the difference between elastic and inelastic demand, and why does it matter for policy or business decisions?" - oMacro: "What are the main goals of monetary policy?" - oQuantitative analysis: "If two events are independent, what does that mean? Give a simple real-life example." • Mini-task (scenario or graph) "Here is a chart showing inflation increasing while GDP growth is falling. What possible economic explanations come to mind? What policy responses would you consider?" D. Closing • "Do you have any questions for us?"