UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

DOUBLE DEGREE - ECONOMICS
Hokkaido University (HU) and University of Gothenburg (GU) 2026/27-2027/28

1 Time Schedule for Applications

Students' application deadline to International Office: **December 1, 2026**

2 Evaluation Criteria

- Only students from the Master of Science program in Economics can apply.
- Application must include a specification of your field of interest and, if possible, a topic for their thesis.
- Selection of students is made by the International Office and Graduate School based on Academic records from Term 1 (Autumn 2026).
- Applicants must have completed 22,5 hp (credits) by the time of nomination.

3 Eligibility to participate (before departure)

- Students must have successfully completed at least **37,5 ECTS** prior to starting the study at Hokkaido University. (Students who only have 37,5 ECTS before coming to Hokkaido need to take additional optional courses at Hokkaido. Those who have 45 ECTS are not required to do so)
- Each student must complete and submit one single-authored master thesis.

4 Exchange Period: 1st April 2027 – end of January 2028

- Spring semester: 1 April – 1st or second week of August (lectures only until last week of July)
- Autumn semester: Last week of September or first week of October – Last week of January

5 Course Plan for Handels´ Students

	Semester	Period	Course	Credits HU	ECTS GU
Year I (GU)					
Autumn 2026	1	1+2	Mathematics		7.5
		1+2	Advanced Microeconomic Theory I	4	7.5
		3	Graduate Econometrics	4	7.5
		4	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	4	7.5
Spring 2027	2	1	Economic Research Process		7.5
		2	Advanced Microeconomic Theory II		7.5
Year I (HU)					
Spring 2027	2		Seminar of Modern Economics and Management I	4	7.5
			Optional*	2+2	7.5
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Year II (HU)					
Autumn 2027	3		Seminar of Modern Economics and Management II	4	7.5
			Special Study of Applied Econometrics	2	7.5
			Optional*	2+2	7.5
			Optional** (if necessary)	2+2	7.5
Year II (GU)					
Spring 2028	4		Thesis***	16	30
Total				46	120

Courses from GU can be transferred max. 15 credits at HU

*Optional courses
Only Courses (B) or course package (A+B) are approved as optional course for GU students. Totally 12-16 credits incl. at least 6 credits from courses (B) are required during the spring semester of the first year and the autumn semester of the second year.

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*** The thesis awards 30 hp at GU and 16 credits at HU.

The GU students should be made aware that they need to start writing their thesis during the autumn semester of the second year to be able to complete the 30 ECTS thesis in time for GU graduation.

Choices and restrictions

GU-students going to HU must take two seminars at HU.

No option at GU (Only core courses)

Optional Courses at HU

Optional courses can be taken at any time, depending on availability.
GU-students going to HU must take Mathematics, Advanced Microeconomic Theory I, Graduate Econometrics, and Advanced Macroeconomic Theory at GU and cannot take the courses corresponding these at HU.
https://www.econ.hokudai.ac.jp/en/s_affairs/schedule

Thesis

Each double degree student writes one single-authored thesis, but the same thesis is presented at both departments. The thesis will be graded separately by two departments and may be awarded different grades.