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Master's degree



MA International Management & Information Systems (IMIS)

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Overview

Degree	Master of Arts
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Courses are held entirely in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	In the second semester, the compulsory modules are online but exams are on-campus.
Application deadline	Non-EU applicants: 15 November for the following summer semester EU applicants: 31 January for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

Description/content

The International Management & Information Systems (IMIS) programme integrates business administration with applied information systems and the latest IT trends. Our international students, encompassing all corners of the globe, will be prepared to meet the increasing challenges of a globalised economy. Therefore, ensuring excellence, diversity, and equality are key characteristics of our study programme. Our study language is exclusively English.

IMIS aims to achieve the following qualification goals:

- Development of comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in the areas of Business Administration and Information Systems
- Foster international, multicultural and social competencies

- Empower students for lifelong learning

This three-semester degree course provides a dual qualification, combining IT-related subjects with essential business administration competencies. Graduates are expected to independently analyse complex information systems and business problems, employing scientific methods to find practical solutions. Our programme also cultivates independent and responsible leaders who can think critically for international organisations.

The international student group facilitates academic discourse, promoting intercultural awareness and offering a valuable opportunity to learn about other cultures. Students further enhance their foreign language and intercultural skills through intensive group work within the programme modules.

Additionally, state-of-the-art technologies enable distance learning opportunities, which may include integrated internships or study abroad semesters. These additional options enhance the career prospects for our students.

The International Management & Information Systems (IMIS) Master's programme is a consecutive programme that follows the Business Administration with Informatics Bachelor's course of study (<https://www.fh-swf.de/cms/bba>).

For applicants with at least 12 months of relevant professional experience who wish to pursue their studies online alongside their job, we offer the professional Master's course International Management & Information Systems – Online (www.fh-swf.de/cms/imis-online).

Course Details

Course organisation

Our degree course follows a blended learning approach, providing a balanced mix of on-campus and off-campus study experiences. During the first semester, students enjoy face-to-face classes and engage in intensive group work on our picturesque Soest campus.

The second semester takes an off-campus approach, where all courses are delivered through online modules. This set-up enables various distance-learning opportunities, including internships at business organisations or structured credit options through learning agreements with international partner universities. The internship option is extremely valued by our alumni and is a door-opener to German companies.

In the third semester, students focus on the Master's thesis, which is supported by a Research Methods block seminar and a Management Communication course. The thesis can be written with a research-based orientation or a practice-oriented approach in collaboration with a company.

Structure:

First semester (on campus):

- E-Business (5 ECTS)
- Information Management (5 ECTS)
- Business Intelligence (5 ECTS)
- Business Marketing Management (5 ECTS)
- Corporate Entrepreneurship & Innovation (5 ECTS)
- Journal Club (5 ECTS)

Second semester (online):

- Enterprise Resource Planning (6 ECTS)
- Management Accounting & Finance (7 ECTS)
- Virtual/Intercultural Communication (5 ECTS)

and

- two online electives (12 ECTS)
or study abroad (12 ECTS)
or practical experience (internship) (12 ECTS)

Third semester (partially on campus):

- Research Methods (5 ECTS)
- Management Communication (5 ECTS)
- Master's thesis and colloquium (20 ECTS)

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrated study abroad unit(s)
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	The second semester of our programme offers an off-campus experience where all of the courses are exclusively delivered through online modules. This flexible and convenient distance-learning opportunity opens doors for students to pursue a practical semester at a business organisation or engage in pre-structured credit options, such as learning agreements, with our esteemed international partner universities.
Integrated internships	During the second semester, students have the exciting opportunity to pursue an internship at a business organisation while simultaneously participating in the compulsory modules through e-learning. This arrangement allows students to gain valuable practical experience while continuing their academic studies.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Online learning

Pace of course	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)	Yes, compulsory
Types of online learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online sessions

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Approx. 315 EUR per semester, including public transport ticket

Costs of living	Students will need approx. 934 EUR per month, which includes accommodation and student health insurance. For students applying for a visa, it is essential to demonstrate sufficient funds of 934 EUR per month to meet the financial requirement to obtain a visa.
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Funding opportunities within the university	No
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Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree in Business, Business Informatics, or a related field of study, earning a minimum of 210 ECTS credits. The final grade should be better than or equivalent to the German grade 2.5 or the ECTS grade "B".</p> <p>Additionally, applicants must provide proof of English language proficiency as specified in the "language requirements" section.</p>
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Language requirements	<p>According to the examination regulation, applicants must provide proof of their English skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS Academic 6.5 (Reading and Writing each with a minimum band score of 6.0) • TOEFL 575 (paper-based), 232 (computer-based), 91 (Internet-based)
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Application deadline	<p>Non-EU applicants: 15 November for the following summer semester</p> <p>EU applicants: 31 January for the following summer semester</p>
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Submit application to	<p>Non-EU applicants: Please apply via uni-assist Fachhochschule Südwestfalen c/o uni-assist e.V. 11507 Berlin Germany</p> <p>EU applicants: Nationals of EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway, or applicants with a Bachelor's degree from the countries mentioned above, please use the online application on the website of South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences.</p>
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Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	Job opportunities cannot be guaranteed to prospective students, and it is the responsibility of students to ensure that they can cover their costs without relying on additional income.
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Accommodation	The IMIS Office helps to find accommodation either at the Soest campus halls of residence or through private landlords by providing contact information.
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Career advisory service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Day with regional companies in April of each year • Professional student counsellor to provide advice and guide the students throughout the study programme • Optional job training sessions are offered by the professors each summer semester to prepare students for their internships in the winter semester.
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Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Our institution specialises in providing comprehensive support to international students. From the moment you are admitted to the university until your arrival in Germany, as well as throughout your course of study until graduation, the university is committed to assisting you. Even after completing your studies, you can join our alumni network for ongoing engagement and networking opportunities.



IMIS Image Film

IMIS students present the Master's programme in this video.

» more:
<https://youtu.be/99skQleuKmk>

South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences



Campus view

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South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences has campuses in Hagen, Iserlohn, Meschede, Lüdenschied and Soest and offers a wide spectrum of studies in modern, trend-setting issues and subjects. This is no "mass production" university. Studying here is application-oriented, group sizes are manageable, and teaching takes place in a face-to-face situation. In the 2022/2023 winter semester, 11,400 students were enrolled at all campuses.

The university focuses mainly on engineering, natural sciences, information and communication technology, business administration with informatics, and agriculture.

South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences maintains close contacts with industry, agriculture and trade. It is actively involved in working on solutions to current problems in the region, thus gaining experience for application-oriented study. At the university, companies can find expert advice on innovation and technology, and joint projects have often led to the development of product and process innovations. With many final theses being written in cooperation with companies, research and teaching are successfully linked. Several research institutes have been founded and thus the university has broken new ground in the area of cooperation with local industry.

For more details, please visit https://www.fh-swf.de/en/international_3/index.php.



University location

The campus is located a few minutes' walking distance from the city centre. The cosy city of Soest offers everything from shopping to culture as well as historic restaurants and pubs. Although a thousand years old, it is not in the least antiquated. The surroundings provide all kinds of leisure activities, including water sports. Soest is conveniently located with regard to transport facilities, with regular IC and ICE train connections as well as two nearby airports, Dortmund and Paderborn-Lippstadt.

For a first impression of Soest, please visit https://www.so-ist-soest.de/de-wAssets/docs/service/medienbereich-downloads/WMS_Stadtrundgang_Flyer_englisch_20210224-final.pdf.

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/SoestIMIS>

🐦 <https://twitter.com/imisoest>

🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/imissoest>

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📺 <https://www.youtube.com/@imissoest9650>

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