

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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## Bachelor's degree



## **Global Business and Economics (BSc)**

FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences • Aachen



## Overview

Degree	Bachelor of Science
Teaching language	• English
Languages	Courses are held 100% in English.
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	6 semesters, 7 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	The application deadline is 15 July for the winter semester.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Global Business and Economics (GBE) degree programme can be studied with an optional semester abroad. Students study for six semesters (180 credit points) or seven semesters with one semester abroad (210 credit points). They attend six modules each semester, and each module has five credit points (ECTS).
	The courses are completely taught in English, and the programme is internationally oriented. The course of study provides basic and practice-oriented knowledge in fields of business studies in a global setting. Students can choose from a selection of advanced modules and set their own priorities to increase their knowledge in a dedicated area. After studying Global Business and Economics, students are well-prepared to start a career in internationally-operating companies. Graduates have excellent English speaking skills. As a result, they are able to operate confidently in international teams.

## **Course Details**

Course organisation	During the first four semesters, students acquire basic and practice-oriented knowledge in fields of business studies. This includes topics such as Managerial Accounting, Marketing, Finance, Mathematics or Economics. This knowledge is placed in an international and global context. Courses in social competences like presentation skills and language courses in English and German complement the study programme. In the fifth semester, students are able to choose their courses from a catalogue of different elective modules. Examples of these elective modules include Operations Management, International Accounting and International Economics. Deepening their intercultural competences, students can decide whether or not to study one semester abroad at one of our 100 partner universities all over the world. Finishing the degree, each student prepares a scientific topic in a Bachelor's thesis in the final semester.
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul> <li>Language training provided</li> <li>Training in intercultural skills</li> <li>Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>International guest lecturers</li> <li>Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</li> </ul>
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	Optional semester abroad
Diverse intercultural background of students	Yes
Integrated internships	There is no mandatory internship before or during the degree programme.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	Yes

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Before the semester starts, a mandatory social contribution and student activity fee ("Sozial- und Studierendenschaftsbeitrag") of about 320 EUR per semester has to be paid. It is used to benefit the "Studierendenwerk Aachen" (housing and social affairs) and includes the student mobility ticket (public transport), which is valid for a period of one semester and allows the use of all public transport in North Rhine-Westphalia except for high-speed trains.
Costs of living	The cost of living in Aachen amounts to approx. 900 EUR per month. Therefore, you should have at least 670 EUR per month available, which is equivalent to 8,040 EUR per year. Monthly costs

comprise the following: social contribution and health insurance (up to age 30): approx. 90 EUR; study materials, books: approx. 40 EUR; accommodation: approx. 300–400 EUR (basic accommodation); food, clothes, and other essentials: approx. 200 EUR; and computer, TV, and radio licence fee: around 18 EUR. In order to cover your monthly living expenses, the amount mentioned above should be available under all circumstances.

Funding opportunities within the university

No

## **Requirements / Registration**

Academic admission requirements	Academic admission requirements include a German entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences or equivalent. Foreign applicants need a "Statement of Comparability" for foreign higher education qualifications. For further information, see: http://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html. Applicants with a foreign university entrance qualification other than the "Deutsche Hochschulzugangsberechtigung" apply via www.uni-assist.de. Proof of English language skills (B2) must be uploaded to uni-assist as part of our admission requirements.
Language requirements	<ul> <li>All applicants have to submit proof of their English language skills at level B2 (CEFR). This can be proven by one of the following:</li> <li>a German university entrance qualification with a grade of "ausreichend", which equals five points in an English course after class 11 or 12 at a German "Gymnasium"</li> <li>IELTS (6.5, 6.0, 5.5)</li> <li>TOEFL IBT (94-72), TOEFL PBT (626-543), TOEFL ITP Level 1 (626-543)</li> <li>Cambridge Preliminary English Test + Result Distinction (PET), Cambridge First Certificate in English + Grade B or C (FCE), Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC Vantage), Cambridge English: Legal (ILEC), Cambridge English: Financial (ICFE)</li> <li>PTE Academic 75-59</li> <li>TOEIC Listening and Reading Test (944-785), TOEIC Speaking Test (179-160), TOEIC Writing Test (179-150)</li> <li>telc B2 certificate</li> <li>UNIcert II</li> <li>IGCSE 1st Language with average B2, IGCSE 2nd Language with average B2</li> <li>Applicants who can submit one of the following documents are generally exempt from the requirement to provide proof of English language proficiency for the "Global Business and Economics" programme: secondary school certificate, New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement, Canadian secondary school leaving certificates, from all provinces except Quebec and New Brunswick) or a university degree from Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, USA, or Canada (except for the Quebec and New Brunswick provinces)</li> </ul>
Application deadline	The application deadline is 15 July for the winter semester.

## Services

Possibility of finding part- time employment	Applicants should not count on financing their stay in Aachen by working part-time during their studies. However, some students are successful in finding part-time jobs either at the university or elsewhere.
Accommodation	Students usually live in a private room in a shared apartment. Living areas, bathrooms, and cooking facilities are shared. Furnished rooms start at 300 EUR per month plus around 75 EUR per month for electricity, water, and heat. It is possible to rent a private apartment, but the monthly costs are higher. Most apartments or rooms require the first month's rent and a security deposit of one to three months' rent in advance before you can move into the room. Aachen also has some public student residences. FH Aachen students can apply for a room in a residence (https://www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/de/).
Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul> <li>Welcome event</li> <li>Tutors</li> <li>Specialist counselling</li> </ul>
General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates	Orientation week for "Freshers" (first-year students), "Freshers' helper team", Community of International Business Students (CIBS)



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### Former student from the Philippines <sup>BSc</sup>

The GBE programme has equipped me with relevant business frameworks and cases that I can now apply in my current role as a pricing analyst at a multinational company. Given the multicultural facets demonstrated among fellow students and faculty, I found the level of internationalism offered by the programme satisfying. My fondest memories in this regard relate to the experiences with the Erasmus-funded study trip to Finland, the CIBS, and the BE buddy programme.



### Dive into Business Studies!

Here you can see what studying at the Faculty of Business Studies at the FH Aachen may look like.

more: https://youtu.be/C9bRgnPVcTQ

## FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences

With over 2,700 students, the Faculty of Business Studies is the biggest faculty at FH Aachen. For more than 50 years, the Faculty of Business Studies has successfully been educating students in an economic, practice-oriented, and value-oriented manner. Students can choose from nine Bachelor's and four Master's degree programmes.

The FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences was founded in 1971 after the merger of several technical colleges and vocational training centres. Additionally, it looks back on more than 100 years of practice-oriented educational tradition.

Theory and practice are closely linked during the entire course of study. A professionally qualifying and scientifically sound course of study is ensured by the close connection with professional practice and staff of 230 professors and approximately 700 employees engaged in teaching and research.

More than 15,000 students benefit from this. The FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences offers them a first-rate education in modern and trendsetting professions. There is a close cooperation with regional and international business enterprises as well as renowned research institutions. At the FH Aachen, new job requirements are seen as a chance to constantly adjust and expand the curriculum in terms of content.

At present, prospective students can choose from more than 70 Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in engineering sciences, business studies, and design. In addition, some degree programmes are offered as dual and extra-occupational study programmes. A special advantage of the FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences is the central location of Aachen in close proximity to Belgium and the Netherlands. This internationality in teaching and studies is an essential and unique feature of the FH Aachen. We enable our students to prepare for the demands of a globalised working world and to develop the capability of cross-cultural collaboration. To this end, we support the mobility of our students and teaching staff during the course of study and in joint projects as well as through international degrees in cooperation with our partner universities. At this time, the percentage of students from abroad is around 20%.

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## • University location

Aachen is the westernmost city in Germany, located right on the border to the Netherlands and Belgium. Today, Aachen has over 250,000 inhabitants. Every fifth citizen is a student, creating a young and dynamic atmosphere throughout the entire city. With its unique location in a tri-border region (Dreiländereck), Aachen has a great exchange of international cultures and lifestyles. Beautiful, old buildings such as the Aachen Cathedral or the Old Town Hall give Aachen the charm of a city rich in history and make a stroll through the old streets quite inviting.

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