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# Master's degree



## Master's in Economics and Management Science (MEMS)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science (MSc) in Economics and Management Science (MEMS)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The language of instruction is English (except for the courses on taxation).
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>The lecture period in the winter semester usually begins in mid-October and ends in mid-February. The lecture period in the summer semester begins in mid-April and ends in mid-July.</p> <p>There are two examination periods per semester:</p> <p>Summer semester First examination period: mid-/late July to early/mid-August Second examination period: beginning of October to mid-October</p> <p>Winter semester First examination period: mid-/late February to early/mid-March Second examination period: beginning of April to mid-April</p>
Application deadline	31 March for the following winter semester (starting 1 October)
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The aim of the Master's in Economics and Management Science (MSc), known as MEMS, is to impart economic knowledge and competencies to students to enable them to work successfully both in professional practice and in the field of research. The speciality of the MEMS programme lies in the combination of business and economic content with the simultaneous specialisation (major) in a certain subject area of business administration or economics.

The main learning and qualification objectives of the course include:

**Quantitative orientation:** You will be able to work with quantitative data, the statistical and econometric method for data analysis and the corresponding software, and you will learn how to derive quantitative statements from models and check their plausibility.

**Theoretical foundation:** You will learn how to think like economists. You will be able to understand economic views, understand economic theories and their limits and differentiate between contradictions. You will understand how to test the capability of the hypotheses and their alternatives. You will be able to orientate the global reality better step by step.

**Research competence:** You will construct your mindset in a research-oriented way, enabling you to deal with topics in your thesis scientifically. You will acquire the methodological prerequisites to understand economics as science and, if necessary, to advance your research competence through a doctorate.

**Internationality:** You will get to know the international research landscape and international partner universities and have an international network through your studies at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

In addition to the formal entry and admission criteria, we expect you to be interested, first and foremost, in economic and business issues, and you should enjoy scientific work. You should also have good methodological and analytical skills, sufficient IT skills, a very good level of English, self-organisation skills, and commitment.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

The core courses build the foundation of the MEMS studies and are selected within the areas of economics, general management, and methodological skills. Students specialise in a major. Each major has a set of courses from which students can choose. The fields are macroeconomics, microeconomics, accounting and finance, quantitative management science, and quantitative methods.

Each student can personally choose which electives he/she would like to take: either he/she aims at a stronger specialisation in the major or he/she diversifies the knowledge in the fields of economics and management science. The credits should be taken in economics and business content-related courses. It is also possible to transfer up to 30 credits from an exchange semester.

The field of professional skills complements the highly analytical and theoretical education at Humboldt-Universität. The students are free to choose which kind of supplementary skills they would like to pursue: language courses, soft skills, an internship, or courses from other disciplines. 10 ungraded credits can be earned.

The Master's thesis is completed within the chosen major.

The entire programme is research-orientated, therefore quantitative methods are strongly implemented. One credit point is usually equivalent to a workload of 30 hours. It is the responsibility of each individual student to independently choose courses in order to obtain the necessary number of credit points.

The programme should be completed, including examinations, within four semesters, provided that the student has a sufficient background in mathematics. In order to attain the Master's degree, students must earn a total of 120 credit points.

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### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

<b>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</b>	Students are eligible for a one- to two-semester stay with over 70 partner universities including top-ranking universities in the United States, Asia and the UK.
<b>Integrated internships</b>	Internships are not compulsory, but they are encouraged. The MEMS office offers active support in finding internship positions.
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No

## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
<b>Semester contribution</b>	Approx. 320 EUR per semester
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	<p><a href="https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/aus-dem-ausland/wegweiser/08/08_01_03?set_language=en">https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/aus-dem-ausland/wegweiser/08/08_01_03?set_language=en</a></p> <p>Students are eligible to apply for a "Deutschlandstipendium": <a href="https://deutschlandstipendium.hu-berlin.de/de">https://deutschlandstipendium.hu-berlin.de/de</a></p>

## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	<p>Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in Economics or in a related subject</p> <p>You should have a professional qualification from a university degree programme with a share of no less than 120 ECTS credits in the subjects of economics, social and political sciences a related subject such as law, mathematics or statistics. If the degree is still unfinished at the time of application, it must be proven that, based on the course of studies to date, in particular previous examination results, it can be expected that the Bachelor's degree will be obtained before the Master's programme begins.</p> <p>Selection criteria</p> <p>Selection criterion 1: The degree of qualification of the previous studies (final grade)</p> <p>The degree certificate and transcripts of records should be submitted in either English or German and issued by your previous university. If the documents are not available in German or English, please enclose an officially certified translation of the originals with your application. For the application's purposes, the upload of a scanned version is sufficient. Should you get acceptance to the MEMS programme, you should bring the original documents to the enrolment office for</p>
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verification. Please do not send the originals via postal mail. If your degree certificate is not yet available at the time of application, please submit a current transcript of records. It should be clear from the course of studies to date, in particular from the previous examination results, that the degree will be awarded before the Master's programme begins.

#### Selection criterion 2: Test result of the GRE

Certificate of the GRE test result (Graduate Record Examination)  
GRE institution code: 8167, GRE department code: 1801  
(If this code doesn't work, type in "Economics".)

#### Selection criterion 3: Quantitative specialisation in the preceding studies

A quantitative specialisation in the preceding studies in mathematics, probability theory, statistics, econometrics, computer science, operations research, physics or comparable subjects can have a rank-enhancing effect. A complete transcript of records (performance overview) of the previous university must be submitted, showing the corresponding subjects/modules, their grading and the weight (credits) with which the performance is included in the overall grade / final grade (in English or German).

#### Selection criterion 4: Two Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted. These will be written by the professors of the previous university. Only for exceptional cases, we may accept letters of recommendation from employers. After registering in the online system and completing the relevant sections, you will receive a special form via e-mail that should be passed on to the people who are writing the letters of recommendation.

#### Selection criterion 5: Motivation letter and curriculum vitae

In a letter of motivation (in English or German), the intention and the specific reasons for the interest in the Master's programme in Economics and Management Science must be made clear. The letter of motivation must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae.

[Link](https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/beratung/angebot/zzr/mems/view) to the detailed, subject-specific entry and admission regulations for the Master's degree programme Economics and Management Science (only in German): <https://www.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/beratung/angebot/zzr/mems/view>

<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>Proof of English language skills to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</p> <p>Please consult the subject-specific entry and admission regulations for the Master's degree programme Economics and Management Science to find out the minimum achievements required to demonstrate the requisite language skills. Time limits on the validity of language tests (e.g. TOEFL/IELTS: two years) are not taken into account.</p> <p>There are no German language requirements for entry into the programme. However, for organisational matters, basic German skills are recommended.</p>
<b>Application deadline</b>	31 March for the following winter semester (starting 1 October)
<b>Submit application to</b>	<a href="https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/sb/bewerbung/masterstudiengange/Bewerbung%20MEMS">https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/de/studium/sb/bewerbung/masterstudiengange/Bewerbung%20MEMS</a>

## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	The career services team regularly sends e-mails with current student job and internship opportunities to all students. The university offers various student assistant positions.
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#### Accommodation

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is trying to assist as many students as possible in finding accommodation by allocating them to selected student dormitories in Berlin.  
<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/welcomecentre/accommodation-1>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in student accommodation [exchange-students@hu-berlin.de](mailto:exchange-students@hu-berlin.de).

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

#### General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

All consulting services offered by the School of Business and Economics can be found here:  
<https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/en/study/sb/standard>

International Office of the School of Business and Economics: <https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/en/international-office-1>

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/mems.humboldt>

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