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# Master's degree



## Master of Science in Business Administration

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Business Administration
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The language of instruction and assessment is English (except for some courses in 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 May of every year for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The <b>Master of Science in Business Administration</b> programme aims to provide students with necessary business management knowledge and skills to work successfully in an international and constantly changing economic environment.</p> <p>The faculty places great value on ensuring that the offered programmes can be completed within</p>

the standard period of study and regularly evaluates the courses.

We strongly believe that the following skills are essential to this:

- **General knowledge:** If you are interested in pursuing a Master's degree, you are faced with the decision to either specialise in one area or cover a broad range of topics. Business requirements are subject to constant development. For that reason, we believe that being overly specialised in an ever-changing environment is not advisable. That is why we offer a general Master's programme in business administration similar to those offered at the majority of internationally renowned universities.
- **Special knowledge:** That said, in-depth knowledge is indispensable. With that in mind, you can specialise in the subject areas offered as part of your degree programme.
- **Research skills:** In recent years, business administration has evolved into a discipline driven by analytics and empirical research. As a result, for students ready to shape the future of business and research, a firm grounding in quantitative methods is an indispensable asset. Only those who are able to understand and evaluate scientific results will be able to put them to a profitable use. That's why the research-focused teaching approach does not only correspond to the Humboldtian ideal. It is also an essential tool for your future success in an often radically changing environment.
- **Internationality:** The Humboldtian model of higher education is an international ideal, business is an international affair, and Berlin is an international metropolis. We have a large number of international students. Humboldt-Universität maintains relationships with partner universities the world over, while both promoting and eagerly anticipating international student exchanges. All courses are offered in English.
- **Social skills:** Professional skills will only lead to success if they go hand in hand with social skills. Social behaviour cannot be learned from books; it is something that is practised in daily interaction. That's why we at Humboldt-Universität teach students using seminars and smaller groups. The aim is for the students to see themselves as a group of like-minded individuals who are working together to achieve academic success.
- **Self-initiative:** Freedom of research and teaching also means freedom for students to choose their fields of study. In this respect, our Master's degree programme offers students a great deal of flexibility. However, this freedom requires a proactive approach. As such, we expect and encourage this in all aspects of academic life and look forward to working with you.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

**Core module (20 CP):** Master's thesis

**Catalogue of specialised electives (total 90 CP):** From the catalogue of specialised electives, 70 CP of the highest-graded modules are included in the overall grade.

**Catalogue of specialised electivesA, General Management (18 CP):** In this catalogue, we offer courses that cover central and current topics in business administration (e.g. Marketing Management, Financial Accounting and Analysis, Principles of Taxation, Finance Theory, Organisation and Management, Business Analytics and Data Science, and Economics and Entrepreneurship). By selecting courses from this catalogue, students can complement their respective educational backgrounds in a targeted manner, thus ensuring they have broad knowledge of all the currently relevant areas of business administration.

**Catalogue of specialised electivesB, Economics and Methodology (18 CP):** This catalogue gives students the necessary "tools" for scientific work. The students will be able to understand current findings in modern business administration. In addition, they will be able to independently contribute to the scientific development of this discipline with their subsequent Master's thesis and in their subsequent professional activity. This catalogue gives students the opportunity to acquire specialist knowledge in econometrics, statistics and economics. However, the available options ensure that they can build upon their own prior knowledge in the best way possible.

**Catalogue of specialised electivesC, Business Administration (30 CP):**Current research-related specialist knowledge is taught in the various fields of business administration. The students primarily work in smaller groups on current business administration issues.

**Catalogue of specialised electivesD, Business and Economics (24 CP):**Furthermore, 24 CP are to be selected from the modules offered by the School of Business and Economics (Economics, Business Administration, Quantitative Methods). This catalogue is well suited for the recognition of modules with a focus on economics (e.g. from a semester abroad).

Catalogue of interdisciplinary electives (ÜWP – "Überfachlicher Wahlpflichtbereich" in German, 10 CP – ungraded):

The catalogue of interdisciplinary electives has a workload of 10 CP. It is mandatory and cannot be replaced by selecting further modules offered by the faculty.

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<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	Internships are not compulsory, but they are encouraged. An internship can be recognised in the interdisciplinary electives area with up to 10 ECTS.
<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. 291 EUR per semester
<b>Costs of living</b>	Approx. 800–950 EUR (Living costs mainly depend on personal requirements and habits.)
<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	Yes
<b>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</b>	Students are eligible to apply for a "Deutschlandstipendium": <a href="https://deutschlandstipendium.hu-berlin.de/de">https://deutschlandstipendium.hu-berlin.de/de</a>

## Requirements / Registration

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**Academic admission requirements**

Applicants must have a professional qualification from a university degree programme in Business Administration, Economics, or a related degree with at least 100 ECTS credits in economic subjects and in economically relevant areas of law (excluding methodological subject areas and the Bachelor's thesis).

If the degree is still outstanding at the time of application, proof must be provided that no more than 30 ECTS credits are yet to be acquired.

At least 24 ECTS credits must have been earned in the methodological fields in mathematics, statistics, econometrics, and microeconomics. **Macroeconomics** is not included in this field.

In addition to meeting the formal access and eligibility criteria, we also expect you to have an interest in economic subjects, enjoy scientific research, and possess strong quantitative and analytical skills. Additionally, it is important to have sufficient computer skills, possess the ability to organise yourself effectively, and demonstrate commitment to the programme.

**Language requirements**

**Applicants must provide proof of their English language proficiency:** proof of English language skills at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Please consult the subject-specific entry and admission regulations for the Business Administration Master's degree programme 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. More detailed and up-to-date information is available on the course website.

**Application deadline**

31 May of every year for the following winter semester

**Submit application to**

[https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/notes-master/masterbewerbung-en?set\\_language=en](https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/studies/admission/notes-master/masterbewerbung-en?set_language=en)

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## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

Career Service sends e-mails with current student jobs and internship opportunities to all students. The university offers various student assistant positions.

**Accommodation**

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is trying to assist as many students as possible in finding accommodation by allocating them to student dormitories in Berlin.

<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/services-informations/accommodation>

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
- Accompanying programme
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters

**General services and support for international students**

All consulting services offered by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the School of Business and Economics can be found here:

and doctoral candidates

<https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/coming-to-humboldt-universitat/programmes/complete-degree-programme>  
and  
<https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/en/study/sb/standard>.

School of Business and Economics Graduate Centre for doctoral students <https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/en/academic-career/doctoral-studies/school-of-business-and-economics-graduate-centre>

Berlin School of Economics (PhD programme): <https://berlinschoolofeconomics.de/home>

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🌐 Course website: <https://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/en/study/sb/studium/Master%20BWL.html-en>

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