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# Master's degree



## International Security Management

HWR Berlin (Berlin School of Economics and Law) • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (MA)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	The courses are taught in English. An additional German language course is optional.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Application deadline	<p><b>Applicants with a degree from a German university:</b> Please apply through our <a href="#">platform</a>. 15 September to 15 November</p> <p><b>Applicants with a degree from a university abroad:</b> Students with a non-German Bachelor's degree have to apply via <a href="#">uni-assist e.V.</a> 15 September to 15 November</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>International Security Management is a multi-disciplinary study programme covering the increasingly important and complex international aspects of security.</p> <p>This full-time English-language MA programme provides interdisciplinary perspectives on security-related topics with a special focus on political science / international relations, criminology, law, psychology, risk and crisis management, policing studies, IT security, and economics. It combines theoretical aspects of international security studies with their practical application, such as risk, crisis, and disaster management; the protection of critical infrastructure; and quality management in the security sector. These issues are all taught in context, with a focus on professionalism, human rights, and accountability. Class attendance is mandatory.</p> <p>The Master's degree programme is open to graduates of Bachelor's degree courses in any academic discipline related to security, with a preference for students with a Bachelor's degree and/or practical experience in the areas of security studies/security management, international relations, international law, public administration, criminology, policing studies, or IT security. Strong English language skills (including academic writing) are required.</p>

# Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The Master's degree programme consists of four consecutive phases: an introductory phase serving to focus and extend students' existing theoretical understanding and practical skills is followed by a specialisation phase with elective topics. The third semester is dedicated to an internship in which students can apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical context. This serves as a preparation for management responsibilities. The fourth semester is a research semester in which students attend a research seminar whilst writing their Master's theses.</p> <p>Teaching is seminar-based. Particular importance is placed on the use of case studies to extend students' theoretical understanding.</p> <p><b>Course contents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Module 1: Research and Methodology</li><li>• Module 2: Globalisation, Security Challenges &amp; Governance</li><li>• Module 3: International Management of Risks and Crises</li><li>• Module 4: Organisation, Leadership and Economics of Security Management I</li><li>• Module 5: Normative Theories, Ethics and Accountability in International Security Management I</li><li>• Module 6: Crime Control in a Global Environment</li><li>• Module 7: Organisation, Leadership and Economics of Security Management II</li><li>• Module 8: Information, Knowledge Protection and Cybersecurity</li><li>• Module 9: Normative Theories, Ethics and Accountability in International Security Management II</li><li>• Module 10: Current Issues in International Security Management</li><li>• Module 11: Elective A or Elective B: Electives to be defined every year (e.g. Transport Security; Terrorism; Pandemics)</li></ul>
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li><li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li></ul>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	A six-month internship should be completed in the third semester – this might take place abroad.
<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. 300 EUR per semester
<b>Costs of living</b>	Between 800 and 1,000 EUR monthly: Student residence: 400 to 500 EUR

Health insurance: approx. 100 to 150 EUR

Funding opportunities  
within the university

No

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission  
requirements

**Mode of admission:** without admission restriction

**Completion of a first university degree** Bachelor's degree/Bakkalaureus, "Diplom" (German diploma), "Diplom FH" (German diploma from a Fachhochschule), and other qualifications, provided that they are recognised as being equivalent

Minimum requirements for first university degree:

For this degree programme, you should have gained your first university qualification in one of the following subject groups or areas of study:

- Required ECTS credits: 180
- Area of study: International Law; Safety, Disaster Prevention / Management and Relief; Political and Social Sciences; International Relations; Psychology; Economics

**Further admission requirements:** Application letter / personal statement and CV in English, copy of BA thesis (or previous MA thesis)

Language requirements

**Required language skills:**

Level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended. However, applicants have to pass the minimum requirement B2 in all examination components of the language certificates. The admissions committee decides on a case-by-case basis.

- Required minimum English skills that must be proven by passing one or more of the following language tests:
  - Cambridge – FCE, CAE, CPE, BEC Vantage
  - IELTS (English): 6.5 points
  - TOEFL iBT (English): 87 points
  - TOEIC: 800 points
  - UNICert (English): UNICert II
  - Applicants can present other English language certificates attesting to level B2 CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ("Niveau B2 des Gemeinsamen Europäischen Referenzrahmens für Sprachen"), for example, telc B2 certificate. Students with C1 or C2 certification are given preference.
  - Please note: We do not accept language certificates older than two years. School-leaving or university certificates are not accepted.

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# Services

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## Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many job opportunities for students in Berlin. Non-EU students are permitted to work within specified limits.

## Accommodation

The German National Association for Student Affairs ("Studierendenwerk") and other institutions currently offer 15,600 rooms in student halls of residence throughout Berlin. Due to waiting lists, it is advised to get in contact with the service early on.

You can also look online for shared flats, e.g. here: [www.wg-gesucht.de/en/](http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/).

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Cultural and linguistic preparation

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