

FAQs

Q: How long does the MBA International Management take to complete?

A: In general, the degree has a duration of 3 semesters.

Q: When can I begin the course of studies?

A: Twice a year, at the beginning of the winter and summer semester.

Q: Can I undertake an internship during the degree?

A: Yes, in general it is possible during the third semester, however it is not mandatory.

Q: Can I do an exchange semester?

A: Yes, in general it is possible during the third semester. Further information can be found here: <https://www.hfwu.de/studium/international/>

Q: Which languages are classes held in?

A: Entirely in English.

Q: What level should my English be at and which proofs of proficiency are accepted?

A: In order to be admitted, you need to have at least B2 level language proficiency according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Further information regarding the recognition of certificates can be found in the admission requirements. https://www.hfwu.de/fileadmin/user_upload/FAVM/IM/AdmissionCriteria_2018.pdf

Q: When is the deadline for applications?

A: The deadline for the winter semester is the 15th June each year. The summer semester deadline is the 1st December in the previous year.

Q: When can I expect to hear if my application was successful or not?

A: You can expect to receive information regarding the success of your application via mail within 2 weeks after the selection process.

Q: When does the semester begin?

A: The winter semester begins at the beginning of October and the summer semester begins at the beginning of March.

Q: Do I need to have vocational experience?

A: Yes, at the time of application you should have at least 2 years of professional experience. In addition to full time employment, internships and traineeships undertaken after your first degree can also be considered as work experience.

However, it is still possible to apply with less than 2 years of professional work experience.

Q: Should I have prior business knowledge?

A: No, the MBA International Management is a non-consecutive master's program and does not require a first degree in an economics related field.

Q: How much are the study/tuition fees and the semester administration costs?

A: 1500 € per semester for international students (Non-EU students). No study/tuition fees for

- For German nationals
- Students who received their general qualification for university entrance in Germany without German citizenship
- Students from the EU, the European Economic Area and from the Erasmus member countries
- Refugees

In addition, the semester administration cost is approximately 190 € per semester.

Q: How many study places are awarded per semester?

A: 20.

Q: How often will I have classes?

A: During the first semester there are 22 lecture units spread over 5 days. One lecture unit is 45 minutes. During the second semester there are 24 lecture units and in the third semester there are 11 lecture units. The master's thesis is written during the third semester in addition to classes. You can find the course outline here:

https://www.hfwu.de/fileadmin/user_upload/FAVM/IM/MBA_IM_CourseOutline2018.pdf

Q: Is it possible to work while studying?

A: Yes, as long as the working hours are flexible.

Q: How can I find an apartment?

A: You can either apply for a room in the student dormitories or you can look for private accommodation.

You can find the online application form for the dormitory here: <http://www.my-stuwe.de/wohnen/online-bewerbung/>.

Useful links for finding private accommodation:

<http://www.ntz.de/service/anzeigenservice/kleinanzeigen/immobilien/>

<http://www.wg-gesucht.de/>.

Q: How much are the living costs in Nürtingen?

Please find a general overview of estimated living costs per month with the reference of

<https://www.studis-online.de/StudInfo/Studienfinanzierung/kosten.php#semester>

compiled in 2016:

Cost of an apartment (rent and additional costs)	264 - 512 €
Food	133 - 203 €
Transportation costs (when only using public transport)	74-119 €
Clothes	30 - 56 €

Communication (telephone, internet, tv license, post)	25 - 39 €
Learning materials	17 - 24 €
Medical insurance, doctor's fees and medicine	0 - 140 €
Leisure time, culture and sports	43 - 81 €
Semester related costs (broken down monthly and including study fees)	10 - 170 €
Minimum costs in total	Around 596 to 1250 €

Q: Do I need a visa for Germany?

A: You can find an overview of the German visa regulations here: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html/.

Q: Is there a minimum entry grade requirement?

A: In order to fulfill the admission requirements, you must have achieved your first degree with a minimum grade of 2,5. If you have achieved less than this, then you need to have gained at least 2 years of professional work experience after the completion of your first degree.

Q: What happens during the selection process?

A: The selection process comprises an interview (20 minutes), either in person or a remote interview. Applicants who do not possess the minimum language proficiencies must also complete an English language test (90 minutes).

Q: What are the admission requirements?

A: You need to submit proof of a first degree, English language proficiency and work experience. Please also carefully read the additional information regarding the application requirements here:

<https://www.hfwu.de/en/interessierte/studienangebot/fakultaeten/international-management/>

Q: Is there an interview? Do I need to attend the interview in person?

A: Yes, the selection process includes an interview (20 minutes). This takes place on the campus of Nürtingen-Geislingen University or it can be held remotely (telephone or video call). Alternatively, it is also possible to gain admission without taking part in the selection process if you have a GMAT score of a minimum 500 points.

Q: How long does it take to write the master thesis? Can I write the thesis in cooperation with a company?

A: You have four months to complete your thesis from the date of registration. You may write your thesis in cooperation with a company. In this case, you will need one supervisor from the company and one from the university.

Q: Can I see my lecture plan before I begin the degree?

A: No, you will only have access to the lecture plane on the first day of classes when you receive your access details for the university's online system. However, you can view the

general course information here:

https://www.hfwu.de/fileadmin/user_upload/FAVM/IM/MBA_IM_CourseOutline2018.pdf

Q: Can I have credits recognized, if I have already taken some similar courses in my bachelor degree?

A: Yes, you can apply for the recognition of credits within the first 3 months of registering.

Q: Is the MBA International Management accredited?

A: Yes, the MBA International Management has been accredited through the AQAS agency since 2013.