

# International Sustainability Management

Degree	<b>Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.)</b>
Type of study	<b>Full-time study</b>
Standard period of study	<b>7 Semester</b>
Commencement of studies	<b>Winter semester (1 Oct)</b>
Credits (ECTS)	<b>210</b>
Language of instruction	<b>German / English</b>
Department / Central Institute	<b>Department of Business and Economics</b>

## Degree programme

**Climate change, scarcity of natural resources and living conditions in the Global South** are fundamental challenges of our generation. Companies worldwide realise that they are called upon to **play a major new role** – that of **problem solvers** instead of polluters – and that the social responsibility of business goes way beyond that of increasing profits: **sustainability** is key now!

However, sustainable development is **tricky**: It is about **striking a balance** between environmental, economic and social effects. Managerial decisions must be based on a **long-term view** and should be informed by a **science-based understanding** of environmental and social issues.

The bachelor's degree program **International Sustainability Management (B.Sc.)** explores these complex interdependencies and imparts essential skills to **figure out sustainable solutions** to everyday or once-in-a-lifetime business decisions and to **communicate** the resulting effects to different stakeholders.

## Professional field

Graduates of this degree program have excellent entry-level opportunities with international companies and organisations. They work in both strategic and operative management, especially in the areas of Supply Chain Management, Management Accounting, and Sustainability Reporting.

## Information for prospective students

### Student Counselling Services

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- [Contact form](#)
- [On-site consultation](#)

### Admission and enrolment Office for Applications, Admissions and Enrolment

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Graduates are also qualified to study a range of Master's degrees.

## Degree structure

The „B.Sc. International Sustainability Management“ is a **Business Administration degree program** focusing on issues of sustainability management and specialising on supply chain management.

The degree program is predominantly taught in English, a small part in German. It includes a **semester abroad** at one of the university's approximately 180 partner universities and an **internship semester** at an internationally active company.

The study program unfolds along a **project-based didactic approach**, in which scientific foundations are applied to frame and solve real business problems.

**Key qualification modules** train transdisciplinary skills such as project management, storytelling and research methodology.

**Elective modules** allow students to deepen their study interests both within and across subjects, e.g. by learning Spanish or Chinese or gaining insights into the Arts and Humanities.

## Course contents

The program combines teaching of foundational competencies in business administration with that of sustainability and methodological competencies, and key qualifications.

- [Study plan](#)

### Sustainability competencies

- Fundamentals of Ecosystems
- Fundamentals of Occupational Health, Labor and Human Rights
- Sustainability Marketing
- Environmental and Sustainability Law
- Sustainable Performance Management
- Integrated Sustainability Reporting

### Methodological competencies

- Sustainable Operations Management I
- Sustainable Operations Management II
- Sustainable Supply Chain Management
- Mathematics for Business and Economics
- Statistics
- Statistics & Applications in Data Science

### Key qualifications

- Entrepreneurial Project I: Management Skills & Project Management
- Entrepreneurial Project II: Design Thinking & Agile Project Management
- Entrepreneurial Project III: Entrepreneurship & Research Methodology
- Academic Writing & Managing Complexity
- Storytelling for Business & Business and Data Ethics

### Foundational competencies

- Fundamentals of Business Economics
- Strategic Management
- Human Resources and Organisation
- Organisational Behaviour in International Companies
- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Principles of Corporate Finance
- Fundamentals of Business Law

### Semester abroad

- Electives
- Foreign languages

### Internship semester

### Admission requirements

- Academic qualifications meeting the general requirements for admission to a University or University of Applied Sciences or
- professional qualifications allowing University admission as specified in §11 of the Law on Institutions of Higher Education in the State of Berlin (Berliner Hochschulgesetz - BerHGG)
- Proof of German language skills as specified in „Ordnung zum Nachweis deutscher Sprachkenntnisse an der Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin vom 13.12.2016“
- Proof of English language skills at Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) B2 level.

### Application procedure and deadlines

Applicants without a German qualification need to apply via [uni-assist e.V.](#)

- Winter semester until 15 Juli

### Fees and grants

Tuition fees	<b>None</b>
Semesterbeitrag	<b>ca. € 300 per semester (incl. local transport semester ticket)</b>