



Hochschule für
Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin
Berlin School of Economics and Law

Faculty of Business and Economics



Master

International Finance

Master in International Finance

The Master in International Finance at the Berlin School of Economics and Law is designed for students from Germany and abroad who are interested in an international and interdisciplinary programme in finance. Applicants are expected to have a Bachelor or equivalent qualification and the requisite basic knowledge of finance skills.

The Master programme comprises advanced finance courses enabling students to expand and deepen their theoretical and practical skills in both traditional and innovative financial management methods. The programme focuses equally on the two areas of corporate and capital market finance. Graduates of the Master in International Finance will have acquired extensive expertise in finance and the skills to effectively take on demanding financial management tasks in a variety of sectors including the public sector.

Courses are predominately structured as interactive seminars, with teaching entirely in English. The small group size facilitates direct dialogue and closer contact between the students and the academic staff.

Berlin School of Economics and Law



The Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) was founded on 1 April 2009 through the merger of the Berlin School of Economics (BSE) and the FHVR Berlin, a university of applied sciences for administration and law. The BSEL portfolio provides a wide range of professional qualifications. The new University forms an academic centre specialised in business and administration skills for the public and private sector, as well as public security and the law. The majority of programmes lead to a Bachelor or Master degree, have been quality controlled and are accredited by a German agency.

The BSEL offers a pleasant, modern atmosphere that is ideal for studying. The programmes comprise small class courses where each student has a chance to interact with the faculty and their peers. The campus offers well-equipped seminar and lecture rooms, an extensive library and several fully equipped computer rooms.

With numerous networking activities, excellent corporate contacts and a close working relationship with over 90 partner universities all over the world, the BSEL guarantees that everyday student life is enhanced by applied expertise and an international approach.

Key Facts and Content

Programme

Full-time

Duration

3 semesters (for applicants with 210 credit points)

4 semesters (for applicants with 180 credit points)

Start

1 October (Winter Semester)

Structure

The first semester consists of four mandatory courses providing the essential skills in the programme's main areas:

- International Corporate Finance
- Financial Risk Management
- Financial Economics
- Corporate Financial Theory and Policy

In the International Corporate Finance module, students are given a deeper insight into the international issues in corporate finance and the available financial instruments. Financial Risk Management provides the analytical tools for risk management, which has come to play a key role in a range of decision-making processes in modern financial management. Financial Economics deals with price formation and expectation processes in financial markets. The results they provide are a decisive element in applying corporate and capital market financial instruments and methods. Corporate Financial Theory and Policy deals with questions relating to corporate valuation assessment, solutions for investment alternatives, and corporate financing alternatives.

The following electives are offered in the second semester:

- International Accounting
- Econometrics or International Corporate Law

- Management of International Asset Portfolios
- Business Ethics for Finance or other Master courses in the Studium Generale program

The electives are either closely related to real-life work practices (e.g., Management of International Asset Portfolios) or offer additional skills in other important areas (e.g., Econometrics for Finance or International Accounting), or provide specific interdisciplinary expertise (Ethics). During the third semester, students prepare and submit a Master's thesis and take the final oral exam (oral defence).

Language of instruction

English

Qualification

The Berlin School of Economics and Law awards successful students on this programme the internationally recognised Master of Science (M.S.) degree. The degree is worth a total of 90 ECTS credits.

Fees*

There are no tuition fees on this Master programme. The semester fee is € 246.68, which includes a contribution to the Studentenwerk Berlin and AStA as well as the enrolment and administration fee (€ 87.68) and a semester season ticket for the local transport system (€ 159.00).

* subject to change

Admission

General requirements

- Bachelor or German Diploma degree from a recognised university
- Evidence of modules in the following subjects on the undergraduate degree:
 - Basic Lectures in Finance and Investment Theory
 - Corporate Finance
 - Macroeconomics
- Applicants with 180 credit points from their undergraduate degree are required to take a semester of work experience (after the theory phase and before graduation) to obtain the missing 30 credit points.
- Excellent English skills e.g. TOEFL Test
- Letter of motivation in English



Application

Closing date

Non-EU Applicants: 15 April – 15 June

EU Applicants: 15 April – 30 May

Application documents

Details and application forms are available online at www.hwr-berlin.de.

Overseas Students

Students from abroad have to send their application directly to the “uni-assist” external processing service. Uni-assist then checks that the applications from international students meet the requirements for the programme.

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