

# How to apply

## International Finance

Degree	<b>Master of Science (M.Sc.)</b>
Type of study	<b>Full-time study</b>
Standard period of study	<b>3 semesters without internship, 4 semesters with internship</b>
Commencement of studies	<b>Winter semester (1 Oct)</b>
Credits (ECTS)	<b>90</b>
Language of instruction	<b>English</b>
Department / Central Institute	<b>Department of Business and Economics</b>

## How to apply with a German university degree

Please, apply online on our [HWR Berlin homepage](#) (platform only available in German)

AND

address your complete application (including the printed form and all relevant application documents) to:

HWR Berlin  
Studienbüro 3 - Master Studiengänge  
(name of degree programme you apply for)  
Badensche Str. 52  
10825 Berlin

## How to apply without a German university degree

Students with a Non-German Bachelor degree apply at uni-assist e. V.. It is a certification office founded to support German universities by converting foreign grades and degrees into their German equivalents. Once your application passes the uni-assist system check, it will be transferred to our university for further processing.

- [uni-assist](#)

Please note that uni-assist charges a [processing fee](#) according to the number of universities you want to apply to.

Please register online first and send your completed documents to the following address:

### **UNI-ASSIST e.V.**

(HWR Berlin – Master programmes)  
11507 Berlin  
Germany

## General information

### Student Counselling Service

**+49 30 30877-1254**

Telephone consultation hours

Tue, Thu 14.00–15.00

- [Contact form](#)

**Uni Assist recommends that applicants apply at least six weeks before the deadline.**

### Admission requirements

- Bachelor's or equivalent degree in Business Studies
- Placement (at least 6 months), referring to financial topics; if not shown, a placement has to be done during the third semester; the programme will then last four semesters
- At least 210 ECTS credit points. Applicants with 180 ECTS credits will be required to obtain the additional 30 ECTS credits by completing a placement in the third semester (the programme will then last four semesters),
- Excellent English skills proved by TOEFL – at least iBT 87, or IELTS – at least 6.0,
- Letter of motivation and Curriculum Vitae in English,
- evidence specifically of having completed undergraduate modules in basic lectures in Finance and Investment Theory, Corporate Finance, Macroeconomics,
- By voluntarily providing a GMAT score of 600 Points or above, you can significantly increase your chance of admission (in this case an English proof is not necessary)

### Proof of English language proficiency

You need to present a standardised test to prove that your English is on a high B2 level of the CEFR (Common European Framework of References) or above. The required minimum score of the accepted English certificates are listed below. We accept certificates of up to five years old. Please, hand in a certified copy (no scan, coloured copy or pdf, but paper with original stamp) of your language certificate or show the original.

If you have studied in the higher education system a minimum of two semesters entirely in English, this can be accepted as equivalent (please provide proof with your application). You do not need to provide further English certificates if you hold a GMAT.

**For the Master programme International Finance only TOEFL, IELTS or GMAT will be accepted.**

- TOEFL IBT – 87 points
- IELTS – 6.0 points
- TOEIC – 800 points
- Cambridge – FCE
- UNICert II

Please note: We cannot accept A-level /school leaving certificates or DAAD language certificates as English proficiency tests.

### Application documents for applicants with a German Bachelor Degree

Please, file your application documents in the following order:

1. **Online application cover sheet** with signature and **data summary sheets**
2. **University degree** (in case you haven't received your bachelor certificate until the application deadline has passed, please enclose a transcript of records and a letter from your university stating when you will receive the final certificate and stating your overall average grade from your studies so far)
3. **Transcript of Record** (please mark required relevant modules with grades and credit points)
4. GMAT if included in the specific requirements of the master programme
5. **Proof of English proficiency** (high B2 level). If you can prove that you have already studied at least one year in English you will not need to submit an English test. Also not needed in case you have a GMAT
6. **Motivation letter** (in English, not more than one page)
7. **Curriculum Vitae** (in English)

**Please note:**

- A formally certified and stamped photocopy of all diplomas, degrees or certificates must be attached to your application.
- Please do not send any original documents!
- Certified copies are copies with an **original stamp** on it.
- Colour copies, scans or simple copies are **no certified copies**.

**Application documents for applicants with a Non-German Bachelor Degree**

To complete your application, please include:

1. University degree (in case you haven't received your bachelor certificate until the application deadline has passed, please enclose a transcript of records and a letter from your university stating when you will receive the final certificate and stating your overall average grade from your studies so far)
2. Transcript of Record (please mark required relevant modules with grades and credit points)
3. GMAT with a score of 600 or above only if included in the study specific requirements  
Mandatory only for applicants who made their first degree in a country which is not member of the EU / EEA and applying for International Business and Consulting or International Marketing Management (English)

Applicants for International Finance, Accounting and Controlling, Global Supply Chain and Operations Management and Marketing Management (German/English) can improve their range in the ranking by handing in a GMAT voluntarily

For all other programmes a GMAT only serves as English proof (see next bullet point)

We only accept GMAT documents of up to five years old. In case you do not have the result of your GMAT before the application deadline of 30 May, you need to send the registration for the test as provisional proof of your GMAT to assist with your application. In these cases, the final result will need to be sent to us at HWR until 30 June. Otherwise your application cannot be considered.

4. Proof of English proficiency (high B2 level). If you can prove that you have already studied at least one year in English you will not need to submit an English test. Also not needed in case you have a GMAT
5. Motivation letter (in English, not more than one page)
6. Curriculum Vitae (in English)
7. university entrance qualification / school-leaving certificate e.g. high school diploma, matura, international baccalaureate (simple copy, only for statistical reasons)

A photocopy of your passport and also a certificate of birth is not required for the application.

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Accepted authentication bodies are:  
German Embassy or Consulate  
Notary from Germany or an EU country  
Public authorities and institutions in Germany  
Authorities from an EU country  
The institution that issued your original certificate (the stamp on the certificate and on the authentication must be identical!)  
Apostille
  - Certificates not issued in German or English must be translated into German or English. Translations must be formally certified and submitted in the original.
  - Additionally we need a certified copy of your original Diploma/Bachelor.
  - The (e-mail) address you have provided us with is the address we use in order to contact you. Please make sure you notify us of a change of address as soon as possible. A missed deadline that might emanate from a failure to do so is your responsibility.
  - HWR Berlin only processes applications that have been completed accurately and signed. The application can only be considered if Uni Assist receives all documents before the closing date and certified copies of all those certificates that are required are attached. We recommend to apply early, at least six weeks before the deadline expires. Applications that are sent by e-mail or fax will not be processed.
  - Chinese, Vietnamese and Mongolian Applicants need to submit an APS certificate (available at the Akademische Prüfstelle (APS) in the German Embassy in Beijing, Hanoi, Ulan Bator)
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