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MASTER (M.SC.) FINANCE, ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION

Every company depends on a functioning finance and accounting system. New business models, changing process landscapes and megatrends such as digitalisation are making commercial management increasingly complex. For this reason, well-trained specialists and managers who have both theoretical and practical knowledge and can meet current challenges with adequate solutions are in great demand in all sectors of the economy and all types of companies. Our Master of Science in Finance, Accounting and Taxation prepares you for future management positions in the finance sector with expertise in the areas of financing, national and international accounting, and taxation as well as leadership and management.



Degree

Master of Science (M.Sc.)



Electives

In the Finance, Accounting & Taxation online programme, you can choose electives worth 20 ECTS and focus on interesting practical areas



Study model and accreditation

- Online
- German accredited institution, recognised by ZFU (German Central Office for Distance Learning)



Study start and duration

Official start date: May 16th, 2022

Afterwards: Anytime

Duration: 24, 36, 48 months



Credits

120 ECTS

Study Content (120 ECTS)

MODULE TITLE	SEMESTER	CREDITS (ECTS)	TEST TYPE
Leadership	1	5 ECTS	E
Business Ethics and Corporate Governance		5 ECTS	WAWA
Advanced Research Methods		5 ECTS	WAWA
Applied Statistics		5 ECTS	E
Current Issues in Accounting		5 ECTS	E
Managerial Economics		5 ECTS	E
Corporate Finance	2	5 ECTS	E
International Financial Accounting		5 ECTS	E
Performance Management		5 ECTS	E
Risk Management		5 ECTS	E
Innovation and Strategy in FinTech		5 ECTS	WAWA
International Taxation		5 ECTS	E
Project: Introduction to IFRS	3	5 ECTS	WAPR
Seminar: Current Issues in Corporate Finance		5 ECTS	WARE
Electives A & B		20 ECTS	
Master Thesis & Colloquium	4	30 ECTS	WAMT & PC

CHOOSE YOUR ELECTIVES

Choose two electives from

“Electives A & B” list:

- Business Analyst
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Finance and Investment
- Data Science and Analytics
- Forensic Accounting
- Management Consulting
- Managing in a Global Economy and Negotiation
- Supply Chain and Sourcing Management

ELECTIVES

In this programme, you can choose two electives in order to specialise in a field you're interested in. Here's a short introduction to a few specialisations.

CORPORATE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

In the last ten years, international financial markets and instruments have changed fundamentally. In this module, you will first be introduced to the basics of modern financial theory and deal with pricing, financial policy, and corporate control. Furthermore, the focus is on investment analysis and portfolio theory as well as their implementation in the context of portfolio management. You will learn to critically evaluate investment strategies to maximise returns and minimise risk and also discuss best practices from around the globe.

DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS

This course provides the theoretical framework for the scientific processing of data. The focus is on techniques for data storage as well as processing in order to establish the necessary foundations for this. The course then provides an introduction to advanced mathematical methods as well as selected practices from the field of artificial intelligence used for data analysis and prediction.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Healthy finances, combined with functioning and transparent accounting processes, are the backbone of every successful company. Your master's degree in Finance, Accounting and Taxation opens up a **wide range of job opportunities in start-ups, small and medium sized companies, or large international corporations** – you can work in the financial sector of any industry. For example, you could take on the position of **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**, in which you are part of the top management of a company and control the entire financial area. Alternatively, you could work as a **department head** and be responsible for day-to-day accounting and timely preparation of financial reports. A **management position in the area of treasury** is also possible: Here you plan comprehensive financing strategies and are responsible for the future-oriented liquidity management of your organisation.



ADMISSION

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR 120-ECTS

- Completed, undergraduate degree with 180 ECTS in the field of **business administration, economics**
- Your degree must be from a state or state-recognised higher education institution/university
- You must have achieved a final grade of at least “satisfactory” or Grade C equivalent in your previous undergraduate degree

FURTHER ADMISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Is your undergraduate degree not in the required subject field for this programme’s 120 ECTS points variation admission requirements? You can still apply! You’ll have to take 2 specific courses at the start of your studies, and pass them successfully in order to continue with your studies. That way, you don’t have to take an entrance examination, and can prove your skills while earning ECTS points as part of your studies.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Start your online degree with our Scholarship Programme and receive a scholarship up to 67%! Start in our Scholarship Programme as a participant with immediate access to 50% of your courses. You can do this by taking our Entrance Examination which will be included in your course as part of the Scholarship Programme. Once you have handed in all admission documents and the courses are completed, you can go on to finish your degree.

Questions? Speak to your study advisor, they will guide you through every step of the process.

ENGLISH SKILLS

We therefore ask for proof of your English language skills*. If English is your native language or you graduated from an English-speaking school/university, you don’t need to prove your English skills.

Accepted certifications:

- English Courses (complimentary when signing up with IU)**
- TOEFL (min. 80 points) or
- IELTS (min. Level 6.0 out of 9 points) or
- Duolingo English test (min. 95 points) or
- Cambridge Certificate (min. B grade overall) or
- Equivalent proof

*Proof must be provided before the start of the study and must not be older than five years.

**Please note that English Courses aren’t accepted as a language certificate for on campus study programmes.

8 STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR STUDIES

1

Register and apply online

2

Choose your course

3

Download your study scripts

4

Work independently with study scripts

5

Take part in Q&A sessions

6

Prepare for exams and take them either:

- directly online, or
- at an IU examination centre (remember to register in time).

7

Master thesis and colloquium

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Complete your studies with certificate