PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
Standard period of study: 4 semesters, full-time | Start: fall term | Degree title: Master of Science

The master’s programme carries 120 ECTS credits and comprises a Core and Advanced Section, a Specialisation Section, a Supplementary Section and a Master Thesis.

Core and Advanced Section: 18 ECTS

Specialisation Section: 48 ECTS

Supplementary Section: 24 ECTS

Master Thesis: 30 ECTS

Total number of ECTS: 120 ECTS = 4 semester standard period of study

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A bachelor degree or equivalent with an overall grade of at least 2.7 (German grade). The degree must be worth at least 180 ECTS credits.

Applicants must meet the following subject-related requirements:

- At least 78 ECTS credits in the field of Business Administration and Economics (of which at least 48 ECTS credits in Business Administration and 18 ECTS credits in Economics)
- At least 15 ECTS credits in Statistics and/or Mathematics (methodological expertise only, no user experience)
- Language requirements: German language skills C1 and English language skills B2 (CEFR)

15 JUNE Application Deadline

More information about admission requirements and selection procedure can be found online.

DETAILED INFORMATION & CONTACT
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MASTER OF SCIENCE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION

The primary focus is on the instruments of internal and external accounting, including tax accounting. Key elements of the curriculum include basic rules on presenting accounting information, incentive effects and various instruments, analysis of accounting data and impact analysis.

KEY ISSUES

- Gain in-depth knowledge of financial accounting and auditing, international financial accounting, controlling and tax accounting
- Analyse current economic and legal questions and challenges regarding business taxation, controlling, annual financial statements analysis and accounting data
- Deduce behavioural patterns from theory
- Become a leading expert in your field
- Meet potential employers during the programme

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

As a student of the WiSo Faculty, you gain from an approach that is based on theory and methods, combining both research and teaching with practical elements. The teaching at our Faculty has benefited from many years of experience in working with companies and visiting lecturers from different professional fields. Many of the visiting lecturers are professionals and managers who bring important industry experience to the programmes, resulting in sector-specific, up-to-date programme content for our students. This ensures that the programmes reflect the real world and that they thus combine the practice and the theory, whilst also promoting knowledge-sharing between companies and you, the student.

“An advanced knowledge of accounting, financial reporting and business taxes plays a vital role in the management of any business.”

Michael Overesch, Professor and Director, Department of Business Administration and Corporate Taxation

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can look forward to excellent career opportunities in management roles, corporate accounting departments and, in particular, with specialist service providers (auditing/tax consultancy firms and other consultancies). But core accounting skills are also necessary for a wide range of financial sector jobs (e.g. corporate banking, investment banking or financial analysis). The M.Sc. Business Administration widens your knowledge gained in your bachelor studies, giving you advanced knowledge and makes you an expertise in your chosen field respective area. For many managing positions in different industries and for certain professions in research and teaching, a master is indispensable. As the University of Cologne is state-funded, there are no tuition fees, just a biannual "semester contribution" of slightly more than 250 euros. This includes the "semester ticket” for public transport throughout Cologne’s home state of North Rhine-Westphalia. So, with us, you can invest in an excellent education – and your future – without paying a fortune.

INTERNATIONAL

Since many of our courses are delivered in English, you can complete the master programme mostly in English. For our M.Sc. in Business Administration, we have applications from a large number of different nationalities, which means you can be sure of a international and intercultural environment. We maintain cooperation with more than 130 partner universities throughout the world, so it easy for you to go a semester abroad such as “WiSo@NYC”.