

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

Master's Thesis 30 CP	
Specialisation Section 48 CP	Supplementary Section 24 CP
Core and Advanced Section 18 CP	

*Total Number of CP: 120 CP = 4 Semester Standard Period of Study

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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

DEADLINE **15 June** Deadline for all applications

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree or equivalent with an overall grade of at least 2.7 (German grade) in the Bachelor's degree. The degree must be worth at least 180 ECTS credits.

Following subject-related requirements has to be fulfilled:

- At least 78 ECTS credits in the field of Business Administration and Economics (of this 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 expertise)

Language requirements: German language skills (C1) and English language skills (B2)

More information about admission requirements and selection procedure can be found on the official website.



DETAILED INFORMATION & CONTACT

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MASTER OF SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION



- Get intensive focuses on 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 and practical patterns from theory
- Become an expert and competence leader in your field
- Establish contacts with potential employers during this programme





Accounting and Taxation

CONTENT: The primary focus is on the instruments of internal and external accounting, including tax accounting. Essential elements of the curriculum include basic rules of depiction, incentive effects and the information content of diverse instruments, the analysis of accounting data and impact analysis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PERSPECTIVES: Attractive career prospects await graduates in management functions and in the specialist departments of corporations as well as, and above all, in jobs with specialized service providers (auditing, tax and management consultancy, among others). Core competences in accounting are moreover required for the wide-ranging and highly diverse professional profiles of the finance sector (corporate banking, investment banking, financial analysis and the like). The M.Sc. Business Administration at the WiSo-Faculty of the University of Cologne widens your knowledge gained in your bachelor studies and makes you an expert in your respective area. For many managing positions of different industries and for certain professions in

research and teaching, a master is indispensable. Furthermore, so-called “Master Fast Tracks” offer the possibility of already taking classes relevant to future PHD-studies to distinguished scholars. As the University of Cologne is state-funded, there are no tuition fees, just a biannual “semester contribution” of slightly more than 250 euros, which includes the semester ticket for public transport throughout North Rhine-Westphalia. So, with us, you can invest in an excellent education – and your professional future – without paying a fortune.

INTERNATIONAL: Many of our courses are offered in English language. Therefore, it is possible to complete your master’s degree in English. For our Master of Science in Business Administration, a large number of different nationalities, interested in studying, apply. Thus, we ensure you to study in an international as well as intercultural environment. We maintain cooperation with more than 130 partner universities throughout the world, so it is easy for you to go a semester abroad. Or take part in one of our study tours or other short programmes such as „WiSo@NYC”.



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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

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE: As a student of the WiSo Faculty, you benefit 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 practical and the theoretical, whilst also promoting knowledge-sharing between you and companies.