The “International Business & Finance” (IBF) master program is a truly global program: Our students come from all over the world. Therefore, all our lectures are taught entirely in English.

The kick-off of our IBF-Master is a 3-day Boot-Camp in a nice castle near Augsburg where we will start to work on international business and corporate finance issues and how to overcome “the culture clash”. Throughout our entire program you will be exposed to an international setting together with a global peer group.

The program design is also based on international standards and benchmarks, by including topics like International Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, International Banking (incl. Investment Banking), International Management and Corporate Strategy theories. Topics and case studies are, by nature, indeed truly global management issues to be solved.

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The Master of International Business and Finance is a 3-term program. Cross-cultural exposure is a key element of this program, and students are required to study for one term at one of our partner universities. Students of the Master’s degree program also benefit from a broad network of renowned business partners, like blue chip corporations, consulting companies, and investment banks.

The core of the program aims at:

- Professional Expertise: Students acquire in-depth knowledge of financial markets, corporate finance, corporate strategy, M&A and innovation management.
- Communication Expertise: By learning both the potentials and limitations of different strategies and opportunities of multinational business, students are able to apply academic rigour in challenging real world applications.
- International Exposure: First hand cross-cultural experience is acquired both in the classroom sessions with international peers, as well as through an exchange program with one of our partner universities abroad.
- Social Competence: Through active learning and case studies, students are trained in leadership skills to manage complex tasks both independently, and as a team.

Career Opportunities

Upon graduation, students will be able to advance to leadership positions in multinational or medium-sized companies. Alternatively, students might start their career as corporate finance or strategy consultant. Graduates will specialize in financial fields and entrepreneurially-driven fields.

Admission Requirements

The Master Program is a graduate-level course for students who want to further develop their competencies in financial, strategic and international management skills. Graduates with a bachelor’s degree are eligible to apply.

- Academic degree with at least 210 ECTS. In the case of a degree with only 180 ECTS, students will have to take the missing ECTS during their master studies.
- Bachelor studies should at least be linked to finance, strategy and management.
- The grade point average for admission is 2.5 or better according to the German grading system.
- An English test (TOEFL or IELTS) is mandatory for all non-native speakers (only exception US, UK). The TOEFL score required is 85 points, the IELTS score required is 7.0.
- First-hand experience (e.g. internships...) in finance and strategy.
- Detailed CV
- Motivation Letter

Application

The application is possible between 1st May and 15th June. Registration should be submitted via the online platform. A signed print-out of the online application as well as application materials must be sent to the Student Registration Office:

Hochschule Augsburg
Studentenamt
An der Hochschule 1
D-86161 Augsburg

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE (M.A.)

CURRICULUM

COMPULSORY MODULES

1st term
M1 Financial Market Decisions
M2 Business Ethics and Corporate Governance
M3 Managing People
M4 Financial Economics, Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy
M5 Securities and Corporate Valuation

2nd term
M6 Studies Abroad

Non-European students may also take a second term with the following modules:
M7 Corporate Strategy, Strategic Innovation and New Business Designs
M8 Corporate Venturing, Incubators & Accelerators
M9 Intercultural Management
M11 Corporate Finance & Investment Banking
M10 Banking Regulation and Supervision
M12 International Guest Lecture

3rd term
M13 Intensive Modules
M14 Advanced Risk Management
M15 Advanced M&A Management
M16 Advanced M&A Management – Case Studies
M17 Master Thesis

MODULES STUDIED ABROAD (individual learning agreements)

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Acquisitions