



Master “International Business”

Characteristics of qualifications and recognition details

www.haw-landshut.de/en/university/faculties/business-administration/courses/international-business-ma.html

General information on the program:

The Master International Business is a full-time study program for graduates in business oriented Bachelor's studies, not an MBA for graduates in other disciplines.

Organizational and legal information:

- Applicants who need a visa for Germany should apply for studies as early as possible. Applicants planning to pass the 2nd semester of studies at a EU partner university will need a Schengen visa.
- Documents can't be evaluated before application (15.11. – 15.01.)
- The regulations for the evaluation of qualifications are valid nation wide.
- The recognition of qualifications is performed in 2 steps:
 1. The formal evaluation of degrees, language certificates and additional proofs in character and extent is made by the university Zeugnisanerkennungsstelle.
 2. The evaluation of course contents is made by the faculty Examination Board.

Formalities:

- The application for admission to studies at Landshut University of Applied Sciences has to be submitted online in our primuss portal https://www3.primuss.de/cgi-bin/bew_anmeldung_v3/index.pl?FH=fhla
- All documents have to be uploaded in the online portal (not sent by email or in paper version).
- A previous evaluation is part of the application documents (VPD, APS, Zeugnisanerkennung)
- A proof of academic qualification consists of degree certificate, transcript and grading scheme.
- In general, translations to English or German are accepted.
Documents issued in English don't need to be translated.
- To start the application is possible even when not all documents are yet available. But it is useful to complete them as soon as possible to enable evaluation & recognition.
- Please pay attention to the information we provide in the primuss portal concerning missing or refused documents.

Academic qualification:

- The minimum academic requirement is a Bachelor's degree in a Business oriented program equivalent to 210 ECTS (credits in the European credit transfer system where 30 ECTS represent 1 semester). Please don't "mix" ECTS and credits in non-EU national or university specific credit systems!
- In case the Bachelor's degree was not business oriented, an equivalent of minimum 45 ECTS in business subjects has to be proved.
- The regular study duration can't always be converted: a 4-years Bachelor's achieved in another country might be comparable to a 3-years German degree (180 ECTS), sometimes only partially comparable.
- Many 3-years Bachelor's degrees (B.Com., BBA etc.) don't qualify for Master's unless completed by a postgraduate program.

- A Professional Bachelor / Licence Professionnelle doesn't qualify for Master's studies.
- Applicants having passed a Bachelor's and a postgraduate degree should upload the documents of their complete academic history.
- The average grade has to be "good" / "2,5" in the German grading system. Here, "very good" / "1,0" = the best grade; "satisfactory" / "4,0" = minimum pass.
There are as many grading systems all over the world as countries exist, and in many countries, even the university schemes differ. Therefore, the grading scheme is part of the degree (exception: countries with a uniform grading system like Tunisia, Cameroun...)

Some country specific information:

Turkey: Most Bachelor's Diploma Supplements mention 240 ECTS for a 4 years degree. But the ZAB regulations recognize 3 years / 180 ECTS.

India: A 3-years Bachelor of Commerce, Business Administration or the like is not considered equivalent to a European academic degree. Graduates have to prove additionally minimum 1 year of further academic education (Postgraduate Diploma, Master's studies) or the Professional Education Examinations of the Chartered Accountants of India + Membership.

Vietnam: A 4-years Bachelor can be taken into consideration if a final thesis was part of the curriculum and the average grade is minimum 8,0.

Nigeria, Ghana: 100 level doesn't count as academic.

Practical qualification:

In many cases, work experience will balance 30 missing ECTS.

Proof: a confirmation or letter of recommendation issued by the employer, mentioning period, function and area of your job.

Language qualification:

- The entrance requirement for English knowledge is level C1.
- Graduates having passed their complete Bachelor's studies taught in English don't need an English test (like IELTS) as a proof of their level C1; a confirmation of English as the language of instruction issued by the university is sufficient.
- In case you already have German language knowledge, please upload the respective proof as well. If not, you'll have to achieve level A2 until the end of 2nd semester. Course offers will be published in the beginning of studies here.

An advice: if possible, try to start learning German online in advance. There are many - more or less reliable – providers.

These are absolutely reliable:

<https://learngerman.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-9528> ("Deutsche Welle" is Germany's international broadcaster)

<https://www.goethe.de/en/spr/kup/kur/doln.html> ("Goethe-Institut" is the official German cultural institute)

Additional offers for interested people:

The "Virtual University of Bavaria" offers digital seminars and courses, most for students enrolled at a university in the State of Bavaria, but some public and useful to get some insight to studies in Germany in advance:

<https://www.vhb.org/en/> (choose "open vhb")