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A degree for the future.

The degree programme for financial insight. With the Finance programme, you expand your understanding of business and economics gained from your Bachelor's programme with a comprehensive view on financial topics.

How does the financial management of a company work? How should a company make its strategic investment decisions? How can risks be identified, assessed and managed? How can the value of a company or its assets be determined? What should be considered when setting up and managing a portfolio of securities? What impact does digital transformation have on financial decisions and how can digital tools support the decision-making? What role does psychology play in financial decisions? How can sustainability be successfully integrated into the financial system? These are just some of the questions your studies involve.

You gain a deep understanding of tools and concepts for financial decision-making. All courses of the degree programme are held in English. You get the opportunity to learn and work with an international group of students. You learn to master the challenges of intercultural teams and to uniquely benefit from them: Diversity of perspectives, increased creativity and innovation, improved communication skills, to name just a few.

The degree gives you a high level of freedom and flexibility to focus on the topics you consider exciting. With a quantitatively oriented Master of Science (MSc) degree, countless career paths are open to you, whether in industry or in research. You can take up the Master's programme if you have completed a university degree in the area of business, management, economics or related areas. In addition, proof of English language skills is required.



Duration of studies 3 semesters
Lecture language English
Study start Winter and summer semester
Application deadline 15 June and 15 December respectively

What are important sections and subjects?



The programme provides you with the knowledge and skills required to analyse and answer financial questions relating to institutions, markets and financial management.

You gain a comprehensive understanding of the functionality of financial markets, existing financial instruments, the financial analysis and management of a company, the determination of the value of companies and risk management. The focus of the programme also involves innovative areas of finance such as Behavioural Finance and Investments, Digital Finance and Sustainable Finance.

You acquire the ability to globalize yourself with complex issues and deal with current developments. You learn to critically analyse data, evaluate them and draw conclusions. Besides the subject-related knowledge, these skills are crucial for a job in the industry as well as in research.

A particular strength of the programme is its high degree of flexibility. All the courses are electives. You have to take a certain number of courses in the field of accounting and finance and you can complement your focus by individually selecting further electives in the areas of management, economics and philosophy. The teaching is seminar-based interactive learning. Teaching elements include lectures, exercises, discussions, project work, presentations and case studies. You complete your studies after three semesters with a Master's thesis on a topic of your choice in the area of accounting and finance.



Your chances ...



And when you're done and have your Master of Science in your pocket?

With a Master of Science degree in Finance, you get excellent career opportunities with a wide range of employers and in various fields. In addition to a career in research, exciting professional perspectives can be found, for example, in the management and in the finance departments of companies, such as in management control or accounting.

Furthermore, there are interesting opportunities in financial services companies such as in investment banking, in private equity, investment funds, auditing firms, business consultancies, insurance companies or fintechs. Moreover, the intercultural competences you acquire are vital for today's companies, banks and organisations as part of globalized world.