

Faculty of Business and Economics



Information sheet: Master in Finance and Money

Why should I study Finance and Money?

You're pursuing a career in financial management? Are you interested in topics and opportunities in the context of financial markets? Or in monetary policy and monetary systems instead? The specialized master's program in Finance and Money provides you with the conceptual knowledge and the methodological skills required for professional financial decision making. You learn how to cope with finance related challenges in the private sector, in governmental functions, and in research. And you gain insights on new market developments.

The curriculum is set at the intersection of financial markets and the monetary system. It builds on the economic analysis of financial markets, financial contracts and monetary institutions as well as corporate financial management processes, such as financing, investments, and valuation. Bringing these elements together, the interaction of monetary policy, financial markets, digital transformation, and the current and future challenges for the banking system and financial institutions are at the core of this program. The master's program in Finance and Money is both applied and research oriented.

Admission requirements

Proof of Bachelor's degree	Unrounded final grade ≥ 5.0	GRE® / GMAT® if unrounded final grade < 5.01	60 CP business and economics	12 CP mathe- matics	12 CP statistics	Admission w. requirements / conditions possible
in business and economics at the University of Basel	х	×	given	given	given	
in business and economics from a recognized Swiss university	х	×	×	х	х	х
in business and economics from a recognized non-Swiss university	×	X	×	X	X	×
with business and economics as a degree subject at the University of Basel	X	×	×	х	х	х
in business and economics from a recognized university of applied science	х		х	х	х	х
in related degree programs from a recognized university-level higher education institution	x	×	×	x	х	х
in a non-business and economics field programs from a recognized university-level higher education institution	Х	x	x	х	×	

¹ Your test results in "Quantitative Reasoning" and "Analytical Writing" must be among the top 30%.



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What language skills are needed?

The language of instruction is English. Some classes may be held in German. However, the minimum required CP in all modules can be achieved with classes that are held in English. The degree program can, therefore, be completed without German language skills.

We recommend a level of at least C1 in English. You are not required to provide proof of language skills. However, any level below C1 may be a considerable handicap during your studies.

In case of an admission with requirements and / or conditions, you have to complete undergraduate courses during and / or before studying on the Master's degree level. Since several Bachelor courses at the University of Basel are not offered in English, these requirements / conditions may have to be met at another University in case attending German lectures seems unsuitable for you. In that case, we advise you to contact the program coordinator (mfm-wwz@unibas.ch) to discuss your options.

When can I start and what is the regular study duration?

The Master in Finance and Money consists of 90 CP and is designed as a three semester program starting in fall (30 CP per semester). However, registration is also possible in spring semester but may result in an extension to the regular period of study.

You can also study part-time. In that case, we recommend you to complete at least 15 CP per semester. The study time will be prolonged accordingly.

How do I apply for admission?

Your application for admission to the master's program should be addressed to the Student Administration Office which is the central admissions office at the University of Basel. It will examine whether you meet the formal admission criteria. We do not offer any pre-assessment of your documents. Detailed information on our admission regulations can be found on the University of Basel website.

If you meet the admission criteria, the next step involves an assessment, conducted by the Faculty of Business and Economics. The Student Administration Office will then send you a letter of admission, informing you of your admission and placement.

What forms of admission are possible?

For admission, we distinguish between:

- Admission without conditions or additional requirements
- Admission with additional requirements, i.e., you must make up credit from the bachelor's program (up to a maximum of 60 credit points). The additional requirements must be met by a set deadline <u>during</u> the master's program. They are not credited to the master's program, but they will appear in your degree transcript.
- Admission **with conditions**, i.e., you must make up credit from the bachelor's program (up to a maximum of 60 credit points). The conditions must be met by a set deadline <u>before</u> the

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master's program begins and you may only take courses from the master's program once the conditions are fulfilled. The conditions are not credited to the master's program.

• Admission with additional requirements and conditions

How is the program structured?

Module	Content	Credit Points (ECTS)	
Fundamentals	Methodological foundations.	18	
Core Courses	Subject-based and methodological foundations.	15	
 Finance Fields Financial Markets and Asset Pricing Monetary Economics and Macrofinance Financial Management and Investment 	Specialization module with three different fields. You must earn at least 9 CP in one of the three Finance Fields.	9	
Field Electives	Selection of classes for further subject-based specialization.	12	
Preparation Master's Thesis	Seminar	6	
General Electives	All other courses of our master's curriculum that are not included in the above mentioned modules. Only needed in case of a small Master's Thesis (18 CP).	0 – 12	
Master's Thesis	Detailed information can be found here.	18 (30)	
Total		90	

Do you still have some unanswered questions?

You will find answers if you...

- consult the study guide and specifically section 11.4
- have a look at the <u>medium-term curriculum</u>
- contact the program coordinator: mfm-wwz@unibas.ch

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