



University of Innsbruck School of Management

Master in Accounting, Auditing and Taxation





Studying at the Heart of the Alps

Situated at the foot of the impressive Karwendel mountain range and distinguished by its central geographical position at the heart of Europe, Innsbruck is an ideal location for education and business. Innsbruck is a young, dynamic city. In recent years, the skyline has been upgraded by a number of ambitious architectural projects designed by international star architects. The surrounding mountain scenery and the excellent sports and leisure facilities make the capital of Tyrol a very attractive place for students.

The figures speak for themselves: a total of 30,000 students from nearly 100 countries participate in the different educational programmes; 6,500 of them are enrolled at the University of Innsbruck School of Management. In 1999 the Faculties of Social and Economic Sciences moved to a new site near Innsbruck's historic centre and the Imperial Gardens. The building encourages open communication between theory and practice and, due to its attractive location, facilitates an urban lifestyle.

Timetable

The programme usually starts at the beginning of October.

The Autumn semester runs until the first week in February.

The Spring semester usually starts at the beginning of March and ends on the first week of July.

Estimated costs

The tuition fee per semester is EURO 363,36 for students from EEA-member countries and EURO 726,72 for students from other countries.



Welcome to the School of Management

The University of Innsbruck School of Management was established on October 1, 2004 as one of the three successor faculties of the former Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences. It currently comprises five departments with a research and teaching staff of approximately 80, a Business Languages Unit, and approximately 20 administrative staff members.

The School of Management

- builds its success on the excellent knowledge and skills of all faculty members for the upcoming development processes and
- understands itself as a dynamic knowledge pool that gathers internationally available knowledge, expands it and makes it accessible in regional context.

Excellent research staff, the intensive co-operation with high-ranking, primarily European universities and the systematic integration of colleagues from all over the world as visiting staff ensure high-quality education. Students will find excellent study conditions: The modern technical equipment and appropriate use of e-learning are an expression of our orientation towards the future. Small student groups (max. 30 people) and innovative forms of teaching and learning promote the dialogue and the co-operation between teaching staff and students. There is hardly any room here for hierarchical differences; students are not seen as “consumers” but as “co-producers”. A strong link to business enterprises and not-for-profit organisations will improve graduates’ career chances.

Our educational philosophy

„If you don’t want to think, you’re out!“ This was the principle the famous artist Joseph Beuys laid down for the students in his master class. We, too, think of this principle as an appropriate motto for university education. In the first instance, it describes our responsibility as teachers to provide a course of study that requires real thinking rather than mere memorising. At the same time, it stresses the students’ responsibility to examine a subject closely, to develop arguments and to use them to arrive at their own position and solutions. If all involved take this principle seriously, university education becomes an intellectual challenge and only then does a real university emerge. We’d like to invite you to take part in building such a university.

Stephan Laske, Dean



Profile

Accounting, auditing and management control systems are gaining more and more importance and are no longer confined to the area of corporations but penetrate the fields of public administration, educational institutions and not-for-profit organisations. Accounting systems today are also shaped by global processes of standardisation which impact on local organisations. Moreover, the globalisation of business implies new challenges in the fields of business taxation and tax management as well as auditing.

The Master programme Accounting, Auditing and Taxation aims at developing competencies in the areas of management accounting and control, financial accounting, auditing and tax management. Though a certain specialisation in either management accounting, auditing or taxation is expected from students, the programme is designed to provide an integrated view on accounting and taxation issues in organisations. In cooperation with the University of Innsbruck School of Management's research focus on Accounting Theory and Research there is a specific emphasis on the social and organisational context of accounting.

Academic Degree

The degree "Master of Science" (MSc) is awarded to students having successfully completed the entire programme.



Qualification Profile

The programme qualifies students for leading positions in the fields of management accounting and control, financial accounting, auditing and tax management. This comprises positions in all kinds of corporations and not-for-profit organisations. Moreover, the Master programme may be useful in the preparation for becoming a professional in auditing and tax consultancy.

The specific qualification profile provided by the Master programme Accounting, Auditing and Taxation comprises

- a comprehensive coverage of the technical aspects of management accounting and control, financial accounting, auditing and tax management;
- a thorough theoretical basis allowing for the reflection of behavioral, social and organisational and ethical implications of accounting, auditing and taxation practices;
- an integrated view of management accounting and control, financial accounting, auditing, and business taxation which reflects its integration with other fields of the management of organisations

The Master programme also provides the basis for a further academic career, specifically for a PhD programme.



Structure and Content

The programme consists of 10 modules and a Master thesis. In the second and third semester, students choose one of three specialisations offered: Management Accounting, Auditing or Business Taxation

First semester

Core modules (compulsory):

- Auditing
- Business Taxation and Management Decisions
- Management Accounting

Second semester

Core module (compulsory):

- Financial Reporting

Specialisation modules (level 1):

- Management Accounting
- Auditing or
- Business Taxation

Elective module

Third semester

Core modules (compulsory):

- The Social and Organisational Context of Accounting
- Research Methods

Specialisation modules (level 2):

- Management Accounting
- Auditing or
- Business Taxation

Fourth semester

Master Thesis



Practical Information

Requirements

The basic requirement for admission to the Master programme is the completion of a Bachelor or Diploma programme in Business or Management (with a minimum of 180 ECTS credits). The programme is also open to applicants with a pertinent degree from an Austrian or foreign post-secondary educational institution in related fields of study. They are considered equivalent if they contain a minimum of 100 ECTS in social and/or economic sciences.

All applicants are expected to have an advanced level of English proficiency: Applicants from Non-EEA (European Economic Area) countries must submit the results of an English test. We accept TOEFL with a score of at least 100 (internet-based), 250 (computer-based) or 600 (paper-based), IELTS test with a score of at least 7.0 and The Cambridge Advanced Test taken no longer than three years ago.

English native speakers are exempt from this requirement.

Application Procedure

Applicants from EEA member countries

Applicants from EEA member countries fulfilling the basic requirement will get a place upon registration.

Registration forms and further details are available at:
<http://www.uibk.ac.at/studienabteilung/en/index.html>.

Applicants from non-EEA member countries

For international applicants from Non-EEA countries admission will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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Further Details

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http://www.uibk.ac.at/fakultaeten/betriebswirtschaft/studium/banking_and_finance.html

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<http://www.uibk.ac.at/wipl/masterprogramm.html>

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Master in Strategic Management:

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