

MIBS FAQ

Thank you very much for your interest in our Master of Science in International Business Studies (MIBS). Please find the answers to all of your questions here after.

Moreover, detailed information about the program, application & admission, selection criteria etc. can be found on our websites:

General information on our Master Program:

<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.eu/study/study-options/masters/international-business-studies/>

Information on the course of study:

<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.eu/study/study-options/masters/international-business-studies/course-content/>

Information on the general admission requirements:

<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.eu/study/study-options/masters/international-business-studies/admission/>

Frequently asked questions and collection of documents:

<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.eu/study/study-options/masters/international-business-studies/faq-and-downloads/>

General information about studying in Nuremberg can be found on the homepage of our international office: <http://www.ib.wiso.uni-erlangen.de/income/>

The online application portal will be opened either in January 2018 or in May 2018 (the portal is currently being updated). The next **application deadline is May 31st, 2018.**

All documents for the application have to be uploaded in the portal and later have to be send to university. Details can be found when the portal CAMPO FAU opens. Please prepare all documents beforehand as far as possible.

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1. Is there a minimum of ECTS before I can apply for the MIBS-Program?

Yes, you have to earn at least 135 ECTS in your Bachelor program before you can apply for our Master program.

2. Do I need to take special program related courses?

There is no official rule for courses you have to take, but it will raise your chances if you participate in courses with international management topics. Bachelor degrees that have no connection to business or economics, e.g. engineering or medicine are not accepted.

3. When will the Online Application Tool open?

Opening of the Online Application Portal: May each year
Application deadline is May 31st each year
Decision date: By the end of July/beginning of August
Start of the program: October each year

4. Do I need a special degree in economics?

The program is designed for outstanding and motivated students who have successfully completed:

- a bachelor's degree in International Business, Business Administration, Management or a related subject, or
 - a bachelor's degree in another field, but with sufficient knowledge of international business
- Bachelor's degrees that have no connection to business or economics, e.g. engineering or medicine are not accepted.

5. Are there any scholarships?

There are quite a lot. The most important ones are DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) and Bayhost. Please inform yourself on the relevant homepages. The University of Erlangen-Nürnberg does not provide any scholarships.

6. Which proof of English knowledge can I add? Do I need a German level in order to apply?

Please note that we can accept only the English language certificates that are mentioned on our homepage. No exceptions can be made.

In order to improve your own rating, always attach an accredited internationally accepted English language certificate like TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge.

An English Bachelor's program is only sufficient in case you completed it completely in English in an English native country like the US, UK, Canada, Australia etc.

German language proficiency is not needed for application. Nevertheless, it is crucial to be able to communicate in society and daily life. Therefore, it is necessary to provide us with an A1 language level in German within the first year.

7. Is a bachelor degree completed in English in a country other than the ones mentioned accepted as English language proficiency proof?

No, only a bachelor's degree completed in an English-native-speaking country, like the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa etc., is accepted. If the language of instruction (English) is not clearly stated in the degree certificate, it is to be verified by a certificate signed by a university official. For example, an English speaking Bachelor's degree in Germany or India is not sufficient. In this case, please attach a TOEFL or similar.

TOEFL 100 and IELTS 6.5 is our minimum requirement. The higher, the better.

8. Is it possible to start the program in the summer semester?

The program starts only in the winter semester.

9. Is relevant work experience and international experience mandatory?

Relevant work experience and international experience are not mandatory, but will be taken into account when assessing your qualification for the program. Having no international experience at all, is definitely a problem for being part in a multicultural, international student group.

Especially, relevant work and study abroad experiences in foreign country are important. Travel (and work) or *au-pair* is not part of those.

10. How many students are admitted to the program every year?

We receive around 750-1000 applications every year and around 50 students are admitted to the program.

In 2017, we even received more than 1.200 applications for 50 spots which makes our admission process a very tough and challenging one.

11. Where can I find more information about the exam regulations as well as the courses and their contents? Moreover, I need pieces of information about studying in Nuremberg.

Please refer to the following documents that provide you with relevant information:

https://www.wiso.rw.fau.de/files/2016/02/PO_MIBS_english_1302.pdf
https://www.wiso.rw.fau.de/files/2016/02/RW_14002_RaPO_MA_WiWi_RW_JULI2014_en.pdf
https://www.wiso.rw.fau.de/files/2016/02/Information_Brochure_MIBS.pdf (old version of 2015; only minor changes, e.g. tuition fee, dates etc.; the most recent version is send out in case you receive an admission letter for your application).
<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.de/files/2017/03/MIBS-MHB-final-SS17.pdf>
<https://www.wiso.rw.fau.de/files/2016/02/studieren.pdf#page=43>

12. Is there a mandatory internship?

It is not mandatory, but we strongly advise you to gain some practical experiences.

13. Is there a mandatory abroad semester?

No. Nevertheless, the majority of our students goes abroad in the 3rd or 4th semester. Double degrees as well as up to 60 ECTS can be taken / achieved abroad.

14. Is there a time limit for the program?

The standard period of study is 4 semester. However, it can be extended by two semesters without request. Additionally you can take up to 2 holiday semesters.

15. Is there a tuition fee?

Currently, there is not. Nevertheless, each semester a "Studentenbeitrag" of approx. 120 € has to be paid for administrative issues as well as the basic ticket for using the public transport.

16. Which documents do I have to hand it and which of them need to be certified?

You can find all these information when entering your application into CAMPO in between April and May each year. Anyway, please provide us with as many documents and certificates as possible in order to ease the evaluation of your profile. In general, especially, high-schools diplomas / bachelor's degrees etc. need to be notarized copies. IELTS or TOEFL can be simple scans which we will double-check manually.

17. Do I have to use *uni-assist* for my application?

No, you do not need to. Only apply via CAMPO of our university.

Please apply there and also send all of your certified document via post to our university. The adress can be found in CAMPO.

→ In a nutshell, what do I need in order to have a realistic chance for admission?

Due to the high number of applicants that we had this year (more than 1.200 applicants), we have very challenging criteria that were only met by 50 students this year. What do you need in order to have a chance for admission?

- a bachelor's degree in business or a similar field with a GPA of being in the top band of your class. Better than 2.0 in the German system is a good indicator.
- an international accredited English language proficiency test, in best case a TOEFL with above 105 or IELTS with 7 or better (minimum: 100 TOEFL; 6.5 IELTS)
- International experience abroad – either connected to your studies or work experience. Without any abroad experience, admission is almost impossible.
- Deep knowledge in business, statistics and foreign languages
- Work experience (full time, part time, internship, working students etc.)

Thanks again for your interest in our program and we are looking forward to receiving your application.

Have a good day!

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