

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING

To apply, students should submit the following documents:

A current CV

Certified grades and copies of all relevant academic qualifications and degrees (for non-German or non-English language materials an official translation may be required)

Two letters of recommendation

A two page research proposal, outlining the research interests of the applicant and a potential research project

GRE or GMAT test scores

Proof of English language skills (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS) for non-native English speakers

Applicants are expected to hold a Master or German Diplom in business administration, economics or related areas. Outstanding candidates with only a Bachelor degree will also be considered.

The application deadline for the first intake into the doctoral program (starting in October 2009) is July 15.

Online Information:

www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/hgsb

The area of business science has experienced major scientific progress over recent years. In order to be prepared for a successful career in academia, business doctorate students need not only high-quality guidance but also internationally competitive training. Striving for excellence and embracing international competition in doctoral education, the Humboldt Graduate School of Business tries to fill this gap. The school follows an open network approach, establishing and maintaining cooperation with leading researchers and institutions, both nationally and internationally.

RESEARCH AREAS

The Humboldt Graduate School of Business offers structured doctoral programs in the areas of accounting, finance and management. Taken together, these programs cover a wide range of business topics. Following its nature of an applied economic discipline, the offered courses present different methodological paradigms reaching from neo-classical analyses to psychological behavioral approaches. Research conducted at the Humboldt Graduate School of Business aims at meeting the standards set by the top academic journals in the respective fields while also having an impact on real life.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Following the open network approach set out in its mission statement, the Humboldt Graduate School of Business maintains close ties to the Collaborative Research Center 649 "Economic Risk" and the interdisciplinary research institute CASE: Center of Applied Statistics and Economics. The school is also open for new research collaborations with national and international institutions and individuals.

FACILITIES

The main building of the School of Business and Economics is ideally located in the heart of Berlin-Mitte, at Spandauer Straße 1, and close to the S-Bahn station "Hackescher Markt". The main building contains faculty offices, computer labs as well as lecture halls and seminar rooms. Additional facilities are located at Dorotheenstraße 1.

FUNDING FOR PH.D. STUDENTS

There are no tuition fees at the moment but students must secure sufficient funding to cover their living expenses. A rough estimate for monthly living costs in Berlin is around 800 € per month. Thanks to corporate sponsors, the Humboldt Graduate School of Business is able to offer a limited number of scholarships to students based on merit. In cooperation with the School of Business and Economics and the Collaborative Research Center 649 "Economic Risk", a limited number of research assistant positions may also be available.

FUNDING OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

The program is predominantly funded by resources from the School of Business and Economics and the Collaborative Research Center 649 "Economic Risk". Further financial support is provided by corporate sponsors and the Society for Economics and Management at Humboldt University Berlin.



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STRUCTURED DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN ACCOUNTING, FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

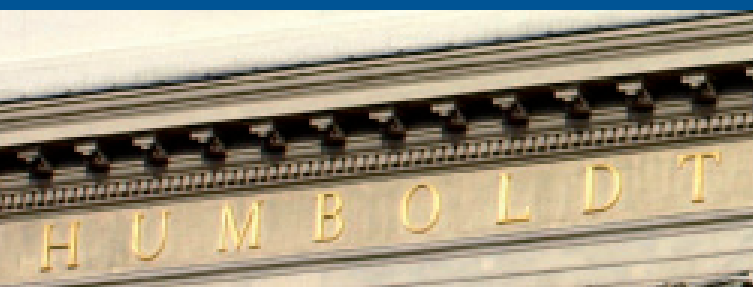
COURSES

The four-year program consists of first-year courses which provide the students with a solid methodological foundation in econometrics and microeconomics as well as with additional methodological skills. In the second year, students have the option to choose one of the three areas of specialization.

In each of the first two years, the expected course load is about 30 ECTS. In addition to the regular course load, students are expected to write a first-year and second-year term paper, and to participate in teaching tutorials to improve their class-room skills. At the end of the first and second year, the individual progress of the student is evaluated. Insufficient progress might lead to the exclusion from the doctoral program. After the second year, students are expected to complete their doctoral theses within two years.

The courses offered by the Humboldt Graduate School of Business vary by layout and design, but all are given in English. Lectures are held by internal as well as by selected external faculty members who are active researchers and leading experts in their respective fields. The lectures are accompanied by research seminars, which help students familiarize themselves with the current frontiers in research. Student seminars are used to actively engage in and to discuss students' own research projects. Close to thesis finalization and shortly before entering the academic job market, job market seminars are organized in order to help students polish their job market skills and to discuss their application strategies with experienced external senior faculty members who are familiar with the international academic job market.

Students, who successfully complete the required courses of the two-year program, will receive a certificate of doctoral education indicating their grades and course program. In addition, students who are concurrently enrolled in a Master program of the School of Business and Economics can have their doctoral program courses count towards earning their respective Master degree.



		1ST YEAR FOUNDATION	ECTS
		Advanced Micro I	9
		Advanced Micro II	9
		Econometric Methods I	9
		Econometric Methods II	9
Specialization in one of three areas:			
ACCOUNTING	Accounting research is an applied economic discipline, investigating the impact of accounting information on firms and markets. This program has an emphasis on financial accounting and empirical archival research, but other areas (managerial, tax and auditing) and other methodologies (analytical, behavioral) are also covered.	Empirical Accounting Research	6
		Behavioral Accounting Research	6
		Analytical Accounting Research	6
		Paper Workshop	6
or			
FINANCE	Finance research aims at understanding the financial decisions of individuals and firms, how financial markets work, and how asset prices are determined. This specialization consists of courses in corporate finance and asset pricing.	Advanced Financial Economics I: Asset Pricing	6
		Advanced Financial Economics II: Corporate Finance	6
		Advanced Financial Economics III: Empirical Methods in Finance	6
		Paper Workshop	6
or			
MANAGEMENT	Research in Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship generally investigates behavior of consumers, managers, and entrepreneurs. Using quantitative methods and investigating concepts from economics, economic psychology, and consumer behavior, it aims at understanding and improving the decision making of firms under competition, based on a better understanding of the relevant decision makers.	Advanced Research Methods I: Measurements	6
		Advanced Research Methods II: Experimental Design	6
		Advanced Research Methods III: Modeling	6
		Paper Workshop	6
2ND YEAR SPECIALIZATION			
		Research Seminars	24
		Electives	36
		Thesis	120
			240
		1ST THROUGH 4TH YEAR	