

Frequently Asked Questions

Bachelor of Sciences in International Business Administration

General questions

What is the difference between tradition Universities and Universities of Applied Science?

Generally, Universities of Applied Sciences are more practical orientated with the goal of educating students for professional work life. They do so by combining theory and practice in a unique way. Traditional Universities on the other hand are traditionally more research oriented.

What is the difference between the international Business Administration (IBA) and Business Administration Programme (BA)?

The main difference between the two programmes is that the IBA-programme is taught in English and the BA-programme in German. Some content differs to prepare graduates for more internationally oriented careers. In addition, in the IBA-programme you have a choice of three majors and four minors in English, of which you can choose one at a time. In the BA programme, on the other hand, you can choose between 10 Major and 15 Minor subjects in German.

Is it possible to complete the IBA-programme and to attend some modules in German?

Yes, that's possible. If you are in command of the German language (Level C1 is recommended), you can select up to 30 credits from modules in German. Some special terms and conditions apply.

One of the admission criteria of the programme is one year of work experience. Does it matter in which industry I have worked in?

The work experience must include practical and theoretical knowledge in an occupation related to the field of study.

Are online options offered so that I can attend lectures online instead of in attendance?

At the Lucerne School of Business we believe in the active dialogue between students and lectures. Therefore, most of our classes are take place in a face-to-face setting. Pure online sessions are the exception.

How big are the classes?

Normally, we have about 30–35 students in our common core modules.

How does a typical timetable look like in the first semester?

Below an example of a typical timetable is provided for the first semester in the part-time (left) and full-time (right) programme.

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What are the admission requirements for the IBA-programme?

Please follow [this link](#) to find all the admission criteria.

What graduation do I need to be admitted to the programme?

As a Swiss student you need a "Berufsmaturität Ausrichtung Wirtschaft/Dienstleistungen" or «Gymnasiale Matura». If you graduated abroad you need to check the swissuniversities website or send us your graduation certificate so we can check it. All applicants need to have an English language level of C1 or better, and all applicants must have at least one year of work experience which must include practical and theoretical knowledge in an occupation related to the field of study.

Language skills

Do I need a C1 certificate when applying in April or is it possible to submit it before starting the program in September?

If you don't have your C1 certification proving your language skills at the time of application, you can be admitted conditionally and hand it in before your first class.

How can I prove my English language skills are C1 level?

You need to hand in a valid certificate before the programme starts. The following providers are accepted: CAE, IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC.

Exchange

What Universities can I do an exchange semester with?

There are more than 80 higher education institutions all over the world that HSLU is partnering with. It's also possible to do an exchange at an institution which isn't part our network.

If you have any questions about the exchange, please send an email to exchange.business@hslu.ch.

Is it also possible to do an exchange at a university with which the HSLU does not cooperate?

Yes, it is also possible to do an exchange semester at a university that isn't a partner institution. However, this needs to be organised by the student themselves.

When can I do an exchange semester?

Usually, our students go on exchange during their penultimate semester of the programme.

Is it also possible to do more than one semester abroad?

In most cases our students study just one semester abroad. However, it is also possible to study two semesters at another institution if approved by the head of the exchange programme.

Work-integrated programme

Is it possible to change between full-time and part-time programme during the programme?

This needs to be checked and approved individually by the head of the programme.

Are there any "partner companies" which offer part-time jobs for a work-integrated study?

No, there are no "partner companies" that offer part-time positions. Work-integrated students have to find an employment themselves.

On what days do I have lectures if I do the work-integrated or part-time programme?

Usually, the attendance time is scheduled between Wednesday and Friday. Normally it's two full days plus one evening or three half days.

Links

More Information about the IBA programme on our website:

<https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/degree-programmes/bachelor/international-business-administration/>

Admission criteria IBA: <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/degree-programmes/bachelor/international-business-administration/admission-criteria/>

Information about the admission process: <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-university-of-applied-sciences-and-arts/informationen-online-anmeldung-w-ba-ma/>

Information about our partner universities: <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/international/international-partner-network/>

If you have any questions concerning the study programme or for individual consultation, please contact us:

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