

The importance of this degree in the working field

Ana-Maria Wall (Romania)

Graduated 2015



"The University has a strong focus on applied sciences and this was one of the main points that attracted me to study there. For example the Corporate Finance classes have given me knowledge which I currently use almost on a daily basis."

Maheshika Pereira (Sri Lanka)

Graduated 2017



"The MSc IFM provided an ample opportunity for me to develop my skills & competencies to thrive professionally as well as personally."

Claudia Jetschgo (Austria)

Graduated 2017

Graduated Novartis Pharma Schweiz, Rotkreuz



"The key reason why I chose the IFM was mostly the high extend of flexibility given by the programme. In contrast to other Master's, the MSc IFM provides different time models and, most importantly, enables to tailor-make the semester schedule to your personal needs."

Marcel Greimel (Switzerland)

Graduated 2019



"Thanks to the MSc IFM, I got to know many new international friends with different viewpoints, broadening my own horizon. Also, the internationality of the programme taught me to think networked and out of the box, which ultimately helped me greatly in my career development."

Ying Wang (China)

Graduated 2017



"The MSc IFM programme provides not only good resources for knowledge development, but also a platform for building a social network in an international environment."

The Lucerne School of Business

The Lucerne School of Business is part of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and Central Switzerland's centre of excellence for advanced management education. With its teaching, research and consultancy services, the School of Business actively and effectively contributes to the development of a knowledge society. It trains specialist and executive staff and assists organizations and institutions in finding answers to current and future challenges in business and economics.

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The Master of Science in International Financial Management at a Glance

A degree in high demand

International companies are seeking graduates who are not only knowledgeable in financial management, but also embody a global mind-set. This Master's programme is an excellent platform for acquiring these skills, beneficial to organizations of every size, in every industry, and in every economy. The curriculum offers internationally aligned content, enables internships abroad, and maintains intercontinental partnerships to provide all students a global experience.

Course Benefits

- Multifaceted career opportunities
- Internationally recognised credit system with an internationally recognised degree
- Part-time work possible (up to 50 percent with 4-semester time model or 70 percent with 6-semester time model)
- Truly international experience
- Dual degrees with partner universities
- High academic and practical relevance
- Study at one of Switzerland's leading research institutes in finance

Entry requirements

A bachelor's or similar university degree in Business Administration or any other related discipline of at least 180 ECTS, issued by a university or a university of applied sciences

Additional:

- Specialization in Financial Management of at least 27 ECTS credits. In case of missing Finance credits, students can enrol in corresponding classes offered by Lucerne School of Business.

- A C1 English level in the Cambridge ESOL (IELTS 6.0 – 7.0) or equivalent. The heads of the programme will assess the English level during the admission interview.

Application deadline: 15 May or 16 January

Start of the programme: Mid-September or mid-February

Exchange semester abroad: 1st – 4th semester possible (participation voluntary)

Language of instruction: English

Tuition fee: CHF 800 per semester

Duration of the course:

3 semesters (full-time) up to 6 semesters (part-time)

Campus benefits and information:

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Your Career and Work Opportunities

Your career opportunities

Today's market is looking for two qualities in future financial managers, accountants, auditors and CFOs: a comprehensive knowledge of financial management, and the ability to perform in an international setting. By training its students in the different areas of a CFO's responsibility - from controlling and accounting to risk management, auditing, and decision-making - the programme provides the perfect environment to nurture the professional skills required. The programme's international reach provides a truly international experience. Through an in-depth education with related practical experience, the programme supports its students on their path to excellent career opportunities.

Your prospects

The MSc in International Financial Management is a research-based and, at the same time, a practice-oriented, consecutive management education with an international orientation. The degree lays the foundation for your successful career development by combining theoretical and practical knowledge.

Teaching methods

The programme employs the principle of blended learning. Hands-on studies, independent learning and e-learning are purposefully integrated together to create a comprehensive education. Only instructors who have a robust academic background and up-to-date practical experience teach at the master's level, in order to ensure an innovative scholastic standard.

Your working opportunities

To become a future CFO of an internationally operating company is the focus of our master's degree. It provides graduates with a practically oriented, research-based, and internationally aligned specialist education in accounting, corporate finance, performance management and risk management. Modules such as "Going Global", "Business Planning" and "Know-how Transfer" deliver insight into international companies and prepare students ideally for mastering practical challenges.

Your Modules

The students of the MSc in International Financial Management have a great deal of freedom in compiling the desired modules of their studies. Optionally, and in combination with the appropriate topics in project-related work, the programme offers three majors:

- Major in Accounting
- Major in Corporate Finance
- Major in Performance Management

Managing Financial Information and Decision-Making

In order to support management decisions at all levels financial managers have to understand how to collect, retrieve and exploit data and convert it into relevant information. Therefore it is necessary to understand how information is used by individuals and groups to make decisions and to solve problems and then to the reactions of a dynamic environment to these decisions into account.

Financial Environment in International Markets

Financial Environment in International Markets takes place in a global environment. Graduates of the MSc in International Financial Management need to be able to act in this environment professionally and with confidence, upholding the goals and values of their company. An important part of this confidence is a familiarity with international regulations, expectations but also opportunities, as well as the ability to adapt to local circumstances and to manage the resulting complexity.

International Financial Reporting and Analysis

An important function of Financial Management is meeting financial reporting standards. A comprehensive knowledge of the future predominant regulatory framework – the IFRS – is therefore a given, but needs to be enhanced with the ability to understand local GAAP requirements and to integrate such information into a consolidated report.

Management Control and Performance Management

Establishing and using Management Control and Integrated Performance Management systems in international and decentralized organisations is the key management support function of Financial Management. Designing appropriate cost and control systems is as important as managing the financial processes inside the company. An integrated perspective on planning and control comprises not only financial performance but as well ecological and social dimensions and their interdependency.

Business Analytics

The module Business Analytics introduces quantitative methods for analyzing business data and developing databased insights for strategic decision-making. Graduates learn about statistical concepts and analytical approaches that are becoming crucial for enterprises of all types and sizes as data availability increases (Big Data). Through the mixture of lecture, spreadsheet modeling, cases, practice problems and class discussion the module prepares graduates to perform in a data-driven environment.

Programme Overview

1st Semester	Module 1: 9 Credits Managing Financial Information and Decision	Module 2: 9 Credits Financial Environment in International Markets – Tax, Law and Finance	Modul 9: 3 Credits Personal Skills in Financial Management	Modul 3: 6 Credits Business Analytics	Modul 4: 3 Credits Systems Dynamics and Corporate Modelling	30 Credits		
2nd Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prerequisite courses – Semester at partner university – International internship – Swiss CPA busy season 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Elective Modules – Know-how transfer – Improving language skills 		Modul 10: 9 Credits Applied Research Project	Up to 30 Credits might incl. Credits for prerequisite courses
3th Semester	Modul 5: 3 Credits International Financial Reporting Standards	Module 6: 6 Credits Enterprise Risk Management and Audit	Modul 7: 6 Credits Management Control and Performance Management	Modul 8: 3 Credits Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Analysis		30 Credits		
4th Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Semester at partner university – International internship – Swiss CPA busy season 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Elective Modules – Know-how transfer 		Module 11: 15 Credits Master's Thesis	15 Credits Up to 15 additional Credits

Credits = ECTS Credits (1 Credit = 30 hours workload for students)