

## School of Business & Economics, Freie Universität Berlin

### Exchange on the graduate (business) level

#### Fact Sheet 2019-2020

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| Name of Institution  | Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business & Economics  |
| Faculty Website  | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/index.html</a>   |
| School of Business & Economics International Office Website                    | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/Internationales/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/Internationales/index.html</a>   |
| M.Sc. M&M Website  | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/m-m/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/m-m/index.html</a>   |
| M.Sc. FACTS Website  | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/facts/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/facts/index.html</a>   |
| Information for <b>Incoming Students</b> at the School of Business & Economics | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html</a> |

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#### Film Portrait of Freie Universität Berlin

[http://www.fu-berlin.de/universitaet/leitbegriffe/filmportraet/filmportraet\\_englisch\\_lang/index.html](http://www.fu-berlin.de/universitaet/leitbegriffe/filmportraet/filmportraet_englisch_lang/index.html)

#### Academic Calendar

| Winter Term 2019/20 |  |
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| Orientation Week    | First week of October 2019   |
| Lecture Period      | <b>M&amp;M:</b> 14 Oct. 2019 – 17 Jan. 2020 for courses taught in English<br><b>FACTS:</b> 14 Oct. 2019 – 19 Dec. 2019 for courses taught in English |
| Examination Period  | M&M exams will take place until 17 Jan. 2020<br>FACTS exams will take place before 19 Dec. 2019  |

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| General Academic calendar | <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienorganisation/termine/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienorganisation/termine/index.html</a> |
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## Nomination and Application Process

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| Nomination process  | <p>Please nominate your students via Email attn. <b>Sandra Hallscheidt</b> (details see above) <b>until March 31, 2019.</b></p> <p>The following information must be included in the nomination: name, surname, date of birth, nationality, gender, email-address, level and field of studies.</p>   |
| Application process | <p>Partners will receive an email with the confirmation of the nomination.</p> <p>Students must complete the online application form and upload all required documents until 31 May:<br/> <a href="https://fuberlin.moveon4.de/locallogin/5949803983fb963f532593f4/eng">https://fuberlin.moveon4.de/locallogin/5949803983fb963f532593f4/eng</a></p> <p>The documents should be in German or English or accompanied by an English translation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photocopy of the student's passport (page with photograph)</li> <li>• Photocopy(ies) of the student's transcript</li> <li>• Photocopy(ies) of the student's B. A., M. A. or any other final degree (if available).</li> </ul> |
| Requirements        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate students should have an undergraduate degree in Business or Economics.</li> <li>• Proficiency in English</li> </ul>  |

## Pre-Arrival Requirements

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| Distributed Campus  | <p>Distributed Campus is an online platform, especially designed for exchange students who have already received their letter of admission. It comprises all the information mentioned above in one platform. Students will receive registration details to access the platform at <a href="https://distributed-campus.org/dc-root/portal/language/en">https://distributed-campus.org/dc-root/portal/language/en</a> with their letter of admission. <b>Registration for and use of the platform is required for participation in the exchange program.</b></p> |
| Information for exchange students at the School of Business & Economics | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html</a>   |

## German Language Requirements /Language Courses

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| German Language Requirements | <p>Exchange students are <b>exempt</b> from a German language exam (DSH or TestDaF), which is otherwise required for international degree-seeking students studying at a German university.</p> <p>The School of Business Administration and Economics strongly recommends excellent German language skills (B2) <b>for classes taught in German.</b></p> |
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|                         | During the winter term the <b>M.Sc.s in M&amp;M and FACTS</b> offer <b>courses in English</b> . English proficiency is mandatory.   |
| German Language Courses | <p>German language courses which are offered <b>during the semester</b> are free of charge. Again, basic German language proficiency (level A2) is required. If students wish to participate in a German language course, they have to take a placement test which will be offered during the orientation week. <b>Without this test, exchange students are not eligible to take language classes.</b></p> <p>Further information is available at <a href="http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/programmstudierende/index.html">http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/programmstudierende/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Preparatory German language courses:</b> A six-week intensive preparatory German language course (20 x 45 min of instruction per week) will be offered prior to the beginning of the winter term. Basic knowledge of German is required. Further information is available at: <a href="http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/en/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/vorkurs_deutsch/index.html">http://www.sprachenzentrum.fu-berlin.de/en/sprachangebot/sprachen/deutsch/vorkurs_deutsch/index.html</a></p> |

### Academic Information

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| Language of instruction              | Generally German, <b>during the winter term, courses of the M.Sc. in M&amp;M and FACTS are offered in English.</b>  |
| Hours per Week per Course            | 2-6   |
| Required Number of Courses / Credits | <p>According to student's individual needs and / or according to home university.</p> <p>A full semester work load are 30 ECTS. Each course has 6 ECTS. 1 ECTS = 30 working hours, including lectures, tutorials, homework, preparations and exams.</p>   |
| Course Catalogue                     | <p>Courses offered during the current semester are listed in the course catalogue (Vorlesungsverzeichnis) which is available one month prior to the beginning of the semester at</p> <p><b>M&amp;M:</b> <a href="https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=75004&amp;sm=411506">https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=75004&amp;sm=411506</a><br/> <b>FACTS:</b> <a href="https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=407397&amp;sm=411506">https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=407397&amp;sm=411506</a></p> <p><b>How to find courses in English:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/Kurswahl_deutsch-und-englisch.pdf">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/Kurswahl_deutsch-und-englisch.pdf</a></p> <p>The course catalogue is updated approx. six weeks prior to the beginning of a new semester – so presumably at the end of August 2018 for the winter term.</p> <p><b>Liberal arts courses</b> for exchange students:<br/> <a href="https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=135104&amp;sm=411506">https://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/de/modul?id=135104&amp;sm=411506</a></p> |
| Curriculum M.Sc. M&M                 | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/m-m/Key-Facts-and-Curriculum/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/m-m/Key-Facts-and-Curriculum/index.html</a>   |
| Curriculum M.Sc. FACTS               | <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/facts/lehrangebot/index.html">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/master/facts/lehrangebot/index.html</a>   |
| Credit System                        | <p><a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienorganisation/ects/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/studienorganisation/ects/index.html</a></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Students can find specific information on ECTS regarding their subject on our information portal "Distributed Campus".</p>   |
| Grading System                       | <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/information_a-z/punktemodule.html#grades">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/information_a-z/punktemodule.html#grades</a>   |

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## Visa Requirements

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|  | <p>Students who are citizens of EU or EEA countries, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Switzerland or the USA do <b>not need a visa</b> in order to enter Germany.</p> <p>Students who are NOT citizens of the countries listed above must apply for a student visa (<i>Visum zu Studienzwecken</i>) at the local German Embassy or a German General Consulate <b>before</b> they come to Germany.</p> <p><b>We therefore urge those students to apply for a study visa as soon as possible. It will take at least six weeks, sometimes a few months, to process the visa application.</b> The necessary documents concerning the admission to our university will be sent to the student as soon as possible. More information is available at:<br/> <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/visum/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/visum/index.html</a></p> <p>Upon arrival in Berlin, every student must apply for a residence permit (see under “Arrival in Berlin”).</p> |
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## Health Insurance

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|  | <p>Exchange students must have comprehensive health insurance valid in Germany for enrollment as a full-time student at Freie Universität Berlin <b>and</b> for obtaining a residence permit.</p> <p>Students who EITHER have the European Health Insurance Card (EU and EEA students only) OR who can provide proof of an adequate comprehensive health insurance valid in Germany (unlimited in case of illness and rescue) may request an insurance waiver. A waiver can be obtained at a German state-regulated health insurance company, not at the university.</p> <p>Since many insurance policies purchased outside Germany require substantial co-payments, have caps or exclude many illnesses it has been increasingly difficult for exchange student to obtain a waiver.</p> <p>We therefore urge all students younger than 30 years to purchase a German student health insurance for about 91 Euros per months. The German student health insurance policies are very comprehensive and automatically accepted by the office granting residence permits. More information is available at <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/krankenversicherung/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/international/studium_fu/einreise_aufenthalt/krankenversicherung/index.html</a></p> |
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## Accommodation / Housing

Students can either organize their own private accommodation (such as student share apartments, so-called WGs) or use the university’s housing service ERG.

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| University housing service ERG | The housing service offers a variety of accommodation options, including dorms, shared flats and fully furnished single apartments. All housing options are available from the beginning of |
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|                           | <p>September/October or March/April onwards and cost about 2225 – 755 € per month. For more information, please see the following websites:<br/> <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/index.html</a><br/> <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/anmeldung/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/anmeldung/index.html</a><br/> <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/optionen/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/optionen/index.html</a></p>   |
| Registration deadline     | <p><b>Since there has been a dramatic increase of student housing demand, students wishing to use the accommodation service must apply online as soon as possible and no later than December 15 or June 15 using the link above.</b> Registrations will be on a first come, first served basis.</p>  |
| Alternative Accommodation | <p><a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/optionen/individuell/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/optionen/individuell/index.html</a></p> <p>Further local information about the city of Berlin can be gathered here: <a href="http://www.berlin.de">www.berlin.de</a>.</p> <p><b>Pick-up service</b> is <b>not</b> provided to exchange students upon arrival. We warmly recommend that students use the public transport website (<a href="http://www.bvg.de/index.php/en/index.html">www.bvg.de/index.php/en/index.html</a>) in order to plan their journey from the airports or the main train station to their respective accommodation.</p> |
| Meal plan                 | <p>Student accommodation is <b>not</b> linked to a fixed meal plan. Students can choose to cook for themselves or visit the on-campus cafeterias (Mensa) whenever they like and pay individually for each meal:<br/> <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/abt-4/mobilitaet/stud_in/allginfo/allginfo_mensa/index.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/abt-4/mobilitaet/stud_in/allginfo/allginfo_mensa/index.html</a></p>   |

## Arrival in Berlin

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| Enrollment                        | <p>Upon arrival in Berlin, we advise students to visit the Student Mobility Office immediately during office hours in order to finalize student enrollment and set up their FU account. Students need this account in order to enroll for courses and use computers on campus.</p> <p>Students participating in the Departmental Exchange Programs will be enrolled in the corresponding subject (M.Sc. in Management &amp; Marketing or M.Sc. in Finance, Accounting, Taxation). They will be admitted and enrolled as full-time students only for the duration they have been nominated for by the Departmental Coordinator at Freie Universität Berlin.</p> |
| Social fees/Public transportation | <p>Exchange students are exempt from university fees, but they still need to pay the so-called social fees of approx. 260 € per semester. These are non-university related fees and pay for the student union as well as for a public transportation ticket for the whole area of Berlin for the entire semester. Students will be asked to pay the fees after arrival in Berlin as part of the enrollment process.</p>  |
| Residence Permit                  | <p>Once students are enrolled at Freie Universität Berlin, they must apply for a residence permit (<i>Aufenthaltserlaubnis</i>) within three months (except students from EU or EEA countries). Students will be provided with detailed information and assistance upon enrollment.</p>  |

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## Orientation

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|  | <p>Orientation takes place two weeks prior to the lecture period (beginning of October). It is strongly recommended to participate in our orientation week. Students will be provided with essential information about studying at Freie Universität Berlin such as course selection and enrolment, campus tours and how to use libraries and computers. The current orientation program is available online at: <a href="http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/information_a-z/orientierung.html">http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/studium/information_a-z/orientierung.html</a></p> |
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## Transcript of Records

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|  | <p>Exchange students have to fill in a request form listing the courses taken during the exchange term.</p> <p>Detailed information how to obtain a Transcript of records is available at: <a href="http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html#ToR">http://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/internationales/International-Students/Information/index.html#ToR</a></p> |
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## De-Enrollment

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|  | <p>At the end of their stay at Freie Universität Berlin, exchange students should de-enroll (Exmatrikulation). This is very important, especially if students wish to return to a German university at a later point.</p> |
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