

Study plans

a) Study plan for Specialization in **Financial Mathematics** (CP is credit points)

Term	Financial Mathematics	Mathematics	Financial Economics	Other	CP
1	Financial Mathematics I 9 CP	Optional modules 9 CP	Asset Pricing 7 CP	Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	28
2	Financial Mathematics II 9 CP	Optional modules 4 CP	Optional modules 6 CP	Seminar I 4 CP Practical Financial Engineering 5 CP Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	31
3	Optional modules 8 CP	Optional modules 12 CP		Risk Management Roundup 5 CP Seminar II 4 CP Additional Key Qualification 2 CP	31
4	Master's Thesis 30 CP				30

b) Study plan for Specialization in **Financial Economics** (CP is credit points)

Term	Financial Mathematics	Mathematics	Financial Economics	Other	CP
1	Financial Mathematics I 9 CP	Optional modules 8 CP	Asset Pricing 7 CP Optional Modules 3 CP	Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	30
2	Optional modules 4 CP		Optional modules 14 CP	Seminar I 4 CP Practical Financial Engineering 5 CP Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	30
3	Optional modules 4 CP		Optional modules 15 CP	Risk Management Roundup 5 CP Seminar II 4 CP Additional Key Qualification 2 CP	30
4	Master's Thesis 30 CP				30

c) Study plan for Specialization in **Actuarial Science** (CP is credit points)

Term	Financial Mathematics	Mathematics	Financial Economics	Actuarial Science	Other	CP
1	Financial Mathematics I 9 CP	Optional modules 8 CP	Optional Modules 4 CP	Optional Modules 7 CP	Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	31
2	Optional modules 4 CP		Optional Modules 3 CP	Optional modules 11 CP	Seminar I 4 CP Practical Actuarial Science 4 CP Additional Key Qualification 3 CP	29
3	Optional modules 4 CP			Optional modules 7 CP	Risk Management Roundup 5 CP Seminar II 4 CP Additional Key Qualification 2 CP	30
	Optional modules 8 CP					
4	Master's Thesis 30 CP					30

The study plans show typical courses of study, separately for the three possible specializations. Note that the credit points stated per semester are not binding in the sense that you need to achieve exactly the stated number of points per semester. For example, instead of studying for nine or eight points in Mathematics in the first semester you could do more. The courses offered in a given semester will not always allow you to exactly hit the number of credits stated in the plan. However, we aim to put together a course program that allows you to follow the study plan fairly closely. In order to design your “personal” study plan, you can check the courses to be offered in the next semesters on the MSc Finance web pages.

We recommend that you finish your course work in the first three semesters, reserving the fourth for the Master thesis. However, you can also take courses in the fourth semester. You only get the degree if you have passed the compulsory courses and earned the number of credits required for optional modules in each field. The requirements depend on the chosen specialization.

The choice of specialization has to be finalized until the start of the examination period of the second semester. Afterwards, it is not possible to change it. Possible specializations are “Financial Mathematics” (in German: Finanzmathematik), “Financial Economics” (in German: Finanzwirtschaft) and “Actuarial Science” (in German: Aktuarwissenschaft).

Depending on the choice of specialization, the following modules need to be completed:

a) Specialization Financial Mathematics

1. Financial Mathematics I (9 CP)
2. Asset Pricing (7 CP)
3. Financial Mathematics II (9 CP)
4. Electives in Financial Mathematics with a minimum of 8 CP
5. Electives in Mathematics and Financial Economics totalling at least 31 CP, out of which a minimum of 16 CP must be from Mathematics, while a minimum of 11 CP must be from Financial Economics.
6. Two Seminars, one of which must be in Financial Mathematics (8 CP)
7. Practical Financial Engineering (5 CP)
8. Risk Management Roundup (5 CP)
9. Additional key qualifications with a minimum of 8 CP
10. Master thesis (30 CP)

b) Specialization in Financial Economics

1. Financial Mathematics I (9 CP)
2. Asset Pricing (7 CP)
3. Electives in Financial Economics with a minimum of 32 CP
4. Electives in Mathematics and Financial Mathematics totalling at least 16 CP, out of which a minimum of 8 CP must be from Mathematics
5. Two Seminars, one of which must be in Financial Economics (8 CP)
6. Practical Financial Engineering (5 CP)
7. Risk Management Roundup (5 CP)
8. Additional key qualifications with a minimum of 8 CP
9. Master thesis (30 CP)

c) Specialization in Actuarial Science

1. Financial Mathematics I (9 CP)
2. Electives in Actuarial Science with a minimum of 25 CP
3. Electives in Mathematics and Financial Mathematics totalling at least 16 CP, out of which a minimum of 8 CP must be from Mathematics
4. Electives in Financial Economics with a minimum of 7 CP
5. Electives in Actuarial Science, Financial Economics, Financial Mathematics or Mathematics with a minimum of 8 CP
6. Two Seminars, one of which must be in Actuarial Science (8 CP)
7. Practical Actuarial Science (4 CP)
8. Practical Financial Engineering or Risk Management Roundup (5 CP)
9. Additional key qualifications with a minimum of 8 CP
10. Master thesis (30 CP)

Modules that do not enter the calculation of the final grade are the two seminars. The rules concerning the case where you earn more than the required number of credit points are described in the section on examination regulations.

As additional key qualification you can, for example, attend German language courses specifically offered for international MSc students. If you attend these German courses, please note that you need three courses to earn the required 8 credits (The first two courses earn you 3 credits each, the third one 2.) While it is advisable to learn German (if you do not know it already) because it increases your chances of finding a job in Germany after graduating, there is a wide range of other courses that qualify. Please note, however, that German language courses other than the ones specifically offered for international MSc students are usually not eligible. If you are already proficient in German you may take an advanced course in e.g. Wirtschaftsdeutsch, but only with the consent of the language center (contact Mrs Husemann). English language courses and language courses in your mother tongue are not eligible.

If you want to learn more about the contents and the requirements of a course, you can browse the module descriptions available in the University Services Portal. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure about your optimal plan of study, requirements for attending a course, and the like.