

Curriculum

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**International Master's degree programme
FARM MANAGEMENT (MFM)**

(Master of Science - M.Sc.)

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Abbreviations:

These abbreviations apply to the entire curriculum:

EC	=	European Credit
Ex	=	Excursion
ExL	=	External course
LN	=	Study-related certificate of achievement
LV	=	Course
mE	=	With success
MP	=	Oral exam
MFM	=	International Master's degree programme Farm Management
MuSchG	=	Maternity Protection Act
oE	=	Without success
Pr	=	Practical training
S	=	Seminar
sem.	=	Semester
SP	=	Written exam
SPO	=	Studien- und Prüfungsordnung / Study and Examination Regulations
StA	=	Student research project
SU	=	Seminar-based tuition
SWS	=	Weekly hours per semester
TN	=	Certificate of participation
Ü	=	Tutorial

Information about maternity/pregnancy protection while studying:

In accordance with the Maternity Protection Act, the following categories are assigned to the courses (LV) described in this curriculum:

A = Course (LV) may be attended without restrictions by expectant or breastfeeding mothers

B = Course (LV) may only be attended to a limited extent by expectant or breastfeeding mothers

C = Course (LV) may NOT be attended by expectant or breastfeeding mothers

Further information: <https://intranet.hswt.de/studium/studium-organisieren/mutterschutz.html>
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1 Selected contacts at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition

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General Student Academic Advising	Matthias Beck	654 108
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2 Course structure of the master's programme

The course of study covers a standard period of study of four full-time semesters and includes a master's thesis. Start of studies: first semester is the summer semester. If the first semester is omitted, then beginning during the second semester in winter may be possible.

1. Semester (Practical - or Bridge Semester)	a) For Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) without a recognized practical semester Obligatory module 1: Practice time (On-farm practical training) 25 EC Obligatory module 2: Practical courses 5 EC
	b) For six-semester Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) with a recognized practical semester Bridge modules with 30 EC from the courses offered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition (15 EC from obligatory modules as specified by the examining committee and 15 EC from required elective modules)
	c) For seven-semester Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) with a recognized practical semester or with proof of at least 195 EC with a recognized practical semester: 1st semester can be omitted - direct entry into the 2nd semester is possible

Sem.	Obligatory modules	EC	SWS	Required elective modules	EC	SWS		
2. Semester	Business Management in Agriculture	5	4	Group A ¹⁾	Seminar in Crop Production and Livestock Production	5	4	
	Production Economics in Agriculture	5	5		Seminar in Agricultural Mechanisation and Crop Production	5	4	
	Farm Planning	5	4		Seminar in Livestock Production and Agricultural Mechanisation	5	4	
	Farm Management and Controlling	5	4					
	Business Informatics and Empirical Social Research	5	5					
3. Semester	Agricultural Policy Seminar	5	4	Specialisations ²⁾	1. Strategic Management Consulting in Agriculture:			
	International Agricultural Marketing Strategies	5	4		- Farm management consulting	5	4	
					- Specialization specific project	5	4	
					2. Technical and economic consulting in agric. mechanisation:			
					- Agricultural mechanisation consulting	5	4	
					- Specialization specific project	5	4	
					3. Research and Development:			
					- Applied research and development projects	5	4	
					- Specialization specific project	5	4	
					Group B1 ¹⁾	Consulting Methods and Farming Systems Research	5	4
						Farming Systems Research and Agricultural Cooperatives	5	4
						Agricultural Cooperatives and Consulting Methods	5	4
			Group B2 ¹⁾	Deutsch als Fremdsprache	5	4		
				Required elective modules from other master's degree programs or VHB conducted in German	5	.		
4. Sem.	Master Thesis (incl. Master thesis seminar)	15	2	Group C ¹⁾	International trade in the agricultural sector	5	4	
	Project Planning and Project Evaluation	5	4		Sustainable Energy Management	5	4	
	Agribusiness Internship	5			Required elective modules from other master's degree programs or VHB conducted in English			

1) Modules worth 5 EC must be chosen from each of the groups of required elective modules (A, B1, B2, C).

2) One of the specializations must be chosen.

3 Implementation of the course of study

3.1 First semester of study (practical or bridge semester)

Depending on the student's previous education, the first semester of study is as follows:

- a) For Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) without a recognized practical semester: Completion of a practical semester with practice time (on-farm practical training, 25 EC) and practical courses (5 EC).
- b) For six-semester Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) with a recognized practical semester: bridge modules with 30 EC from the courses offered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition (15 EC from obligatory modules as specified by the examining committee and 15 EC from required elective modules).
- c) For seven-semester Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes (Uni/FH) with a recognized practical semester or with proof of at least 195 EC with a recognized practical semester: Upon request (simple written letter), the examination committee can credit practical placements that have already been completed in whole or in part towards the practical training. If full credit is awarded, the first semester is omitted and the course begins directly with the second semester.

Regarding a): Practical semester:

The practical study semester lasts at least 20 weeks, consisting of at least 18 weeks of obligatory practical training on a farm and practical courses amounting to 5 SWS.

Overview of the modules in the practical semester:

For abbreviations see page 2

Module Number	Module	Duration	EC	Type of LV	Exams and obligations			Mu Sch G ²⁾	Weight of grade	Lecturers
					Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight			
392241010	Practice Time	18 weeks	25	Pr	StA ¹⁾		100%	B	1,0	Rupp, Tuzhyk
392241020	Practical Courses	5 SWS	5	S, Ü	SP	60	100%	B	1,0	Rupp, Tuzhyk
	Total		30							

1) The documentation of the study research project (StA) must be submitted by the end of the practical period and includes:

- Experience report (min. 10 to max. 15 pages).
- Description of a farm enterprise for animal and crop production.
- Economic assessment of the farm enterprise described.

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3.2 Second semester of study

The second semester comprises 30 EC which are composed as follows:

- a) Obligatory modules: 25 EC
 b) Required elective modules (group A): 5 EC

a) Obligatory modules:

The modules listed in the following table are compulsory for all students. Language of instruction: English

For abbreviations see page 2

Module Number	Modules	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations				Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight	Admission requirements			
392242010	Business Management in Agriculture	SU, S	4	5	5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Schlauderer, Tuzhyk
392242020	Production Economics in Agriculture	SU, S	5	5	5	SP	120	100%	StA	1,0	A	Petrenko, N.N.
392242050	Farm Planning	SU, S	4	5	5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Petrenko, N.N.
392242030	Farm Management and Controlling	SU, S	4	5	5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Darr
392242040	Business Informatics and Empirical Social Research	SU	5	5	5	SP	120	100%	StA	1,0	A	Aristakesyan, Krauter, Wolff Schuh
	Total		22	25								

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b) Required elective modules (group A)

A choice of modules worth 5 EC must be made from the following table. Language of instruction: English

For abbreviations see page 2

Module Number	Modules and courses	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations				Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight	Admission requirements			
831900100	Seminar in Crop Production and Livestock Production: A: Crop Production Seminar B: Livestock Production Seminar	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Eschenbacher Rühle
831900140	Seminar in Agricultural Mechanisation and Crop Production: A: Agricultural Mechanisation Seminar B: Crop Production Seminar	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Wittmann Eschenbacher
831900150	Seminar in Livestock Production and Agricultural Mechanisation A: Livestock Production Seminar B: Agricultural Mechanisation Seminar	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Rühle Wittmann
	Total		4	5								

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3.3 Third semester of study

The third semester comprises 30 EC which are composed as follows:

- a) Obligatory modules: 10 EC
 b) Specialisation: 10 EC
 c) Required elective modules in English language (group B1): 5 EC
 d) Required elective modules in German language (group B2): 5 EC

a) Obligatory modules

The modules listed in the following table are compulsory for all students. Language of instruction: English

For abbreviations see page 2

Module number	Modules	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations				Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight	Admission requirements			
392243010	Agricultural Policy Seminar	SU	4	5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Brüntrupp	
392243020	International Agricultural Marketing Strategies	SU	4	5	SP	120	100%	StA	1,0	A	Matthews, Weber	
Total			8	10								

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b) Specialisations

A choice of one of the three possible specialisations (each worth 10 EC) must be made from the following table.

Each specialisation consists of 2 modules of 5 EC each. Language of instruction: English

Please note: The choice of the specialisation must be made within two weeks of the start of the third semester. Students who do not make a choice will be assigned to a specialisation based on the number of free places by the examinations committee. Specialisations 1 and 2 will only be offered if they are each chosen by at least eight students. Specialization 3 is not subject to a minimum number of students, as it consists of project work carried out by students and individually supervised by lecturers.

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Module number	Modules	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations				Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight	Admission requirements			
Specialisation 1: Strategic Management Consulting in Agriculture												
392243140	Farm Management Consulting	SU	4	5	SP	120	100%	StA	1,0	A	Tröster, Darr, Holzner	
392243130	Specialisation Specific Project	S	2	5	StA	-	100%	-	1,0	A	Schuh, N.N.	
Specialisation 2: Technical and Economic Consulting in Agricultural Mechanisation												
392243240	Agricultural Mechanisation Consulting	SU	4	5	PoP: SP StA	90	100%	-	1,0	A	Wittmann, Trotzky, Brunner, Schindler	
392243230	Specialisation Specific Project	S	2	5	StA	-	100%	-	1,0	A	Schuh, N.N.	
Specialisation 3: Research and Development												
392243340	Applied Research and Development Projects	-	-	5	StA	-	100%	-	1,0	A	N.N.	
392243330	Specialisation Specific Project	S	2	5	StA	-	100%	-	1,0	A	Schuh, N.N.	
Total				10								

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c) Required elective modules in English language (group B1)

A choice of English-language modules worth 5 EC must be made from the following table.

For abbreviations see page 2

Module number	Modules and courses	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations				Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight	Admission requirements			
830300030	Consulting Methods and Farming Systems Research: A: Consulting Methods B: Farming Systems Research	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Gerster-Bentaya Wolff
830600030	Farming Systems Research and Agricultural Cooperatives: A: Farming Systems Research B: Agricultural Cooperatives	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Wolff König
830100060	Agricultural Cooperatives and Consulting Methods: A: Agricultural Cooperatives B: Consulting Methods	S S	2 2		5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	König Gerster-Bentaya
Total				4	5							

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d) Required elective modules in German language (group B2)

A choice of German-language modules worth 5 EC must be made from the following table.

For abbreviations see page 2

Module number	Modules and courses	Type of course	S	W	EC	Exams and obligations			Weight of grade	Mu Sch G ¹⁾	Lecturers
						Type	Duration (Min.)	Weight			
960400040	Deutsch als Fremdsprache - Aufbaustufe (B1 GER)	S	4	5	SP	120	100%	-	1,0	A	Bartl
	Upon application: Required elective modules from other master's degree programs conducted in German at HSWT or modules from the Virtual University of Bavaria (Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern, VHB) offering, which can be credited with a total of 5 EC				5				1,0		
	Total		4	5							

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3.4 Fourth semester of study

Will be covered in the study plan for winter semester 2025/26 to summer semester 2026

4 Module descriptions (module handbook)

A description of the content and competence objectives taught in the individual modules, as well as an overview of the composition of the workload, can be found in the “Module Handbook for the Master's Degree in Farm Management”, which is published online on the programme pages at www.hswt.de. A more detailed description of the modules and courses can be accessed via the MyCampus portal (mycampus.hswt.de: Home > Studies offered > Module descriptions > Show module descriptions).