



FACTSHEET DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES Academic Year 2016/17

Within our MSc Business Administration Programme, students may add an additional semester at the partner university to graduate with two diplomas.

Students that benefit from our Double Degree Programmes will not only be granted Master degree from two different universities, but also acquire deeper experience of multicultural studying and business environments, better cross-cultural communication and language skills, wider professional partner networks, new opportunities for further education as well as stronger competitive advantages in the European job markets.

DEFINITION OF A DOUBLE DEGREE

Study the entire degree programme at BFH and add one additional semester at the partner university in order to obtain an additional degree from the partner university.



PREREQUISITES

**Amount of ECTS credits
gained at BFH**

In order to be nominated, students must have passed all modules at the termination of their 3rd semester.

In order to start the Double Degree Programme, students must have successfully completed their Master studies at BFH.



SELECTION CRITERIA

Our double degree programs are aimed primarily at upstanding and motivated students, who are able to attain the two degrees successfully and within the prescribed time. Students are selected based on the application documents as well as a personal interview. A particular emphasis is placed on the following criteria:

- motivation (for example, how does the DD benefit the candidate? What role does the DD play in the student’s personal career / academic planning?)
- commitment (how has the candidate engaged in extracurricular activities during their studies at the BFH? For example, tutoring, IFMP programme, student union etc.)
- academic performance
- English skills

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME



University of the Sunshine Coast USC, Australia

Programmes

Master of Business Administration

Semester 2

Mandatory courses

- Global Business Management(12 units)
- Retail Supply Chain Management and Procurement
- Retail Supply Chain Sustainability and Risk Management

Required elective courses

- Select one elective course from the MBA elective course list

Semester 1

Mandatory courses

- International Trade and Exchange

Required elective courses

- Select three elective courses from the MBA elective course list

Master of International Business

Semester 2

Mandatory courses

- Marketing in an International Environment
- Global Business Management



	<p>Required elective courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Select two 700 level courses from the USC School of Business (except BUS703, MGT703, MGT723, MGT726) <p><u>Semester 1</u></p> <p>Mandatory courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ International Business Law and Ethics ➤ Managing Across Global Cultures ➤ International Trade and Exchange <p>Required elective courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Select two 700 level courses from the USC School of Business (except BUS703, MGT703, MGT723, MGT726)
	<p>Master of Management</p> <p><u>Semester 2</u></p> <p>Mandatory courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Economics for Managers ➤ Managing People ➤ Corporate Governance, Ethics and CSR <p>Required elective courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Select one of HSM701, MGT704, MGT735, MGT736 <p><u>Semester 1</u></p> <p>Mandatory courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ International Business Law and Ethics ➤ International Trade and Exchange ➤ Strategic Management <p>Required elective courses (1 out of 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leveraging Innovation, Design and Creativity ➤ Supply Chain Management
Degree	<p>BFH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Business Administration <p>USC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Master of Business Administration (MBA) ➤ Master of International Management ➤ Master of Management
Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No limitation



Semester dates	<p>Semester 2 : End of July – Mid-November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mid- July: orientation➤ End of July: classes commence➤ End of September – Beginning of October: Mid-semester break➤ Beginning /Mid-November: exam period <p>Semester 1: end of February – end of June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mid/end of February: orientation➤ End of February: classes commence➤ End of March: Mid-semester break➤ Mid /end of June: exam period
Fees	<p>BFH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students do not pay any tuition fees at BFH during their Double Degree semester <p>USC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students pay tuition fees of approx. A\$ 10'260 (ca. CHF 7'500) per semester
Living expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students will need around A\$360 per week to live comfortably on the Sunshine Coast. This does not include airfares to Australia, visa applications, health cover and tuition fees.➤ Additionally, students should allow A\$400 per semester for new textbooks. Second-hand textbooks are often available at reduced prices➤ More Information is available here: www.usc.edu.au/living-costs; www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs
Accommodation	<p>On-campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ There are three privately owned student accommodation complexes located only a short walk from USC: UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village (all fully furnished).➤ More Information is available here: www.unicentral.net.au; www.varsityapartments.com.au; www.thevillage.net.au <p>Off-campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Students can also stay with a local family (homestay), share a house or rent a flat, apartment or room in Sippy Downs, Buderim, Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland, Maroochydore or Kawana.➤ More Information is available here: www.share-accommodation.net; www.flatmates.com.au; www.realestate.com.au
Visa	Student Visa (temporary visa, possibility to work up to 20 hours/week)
Useful links	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ University of the Sunshine Coast USC: www.usc.edu.au/international➤ The USC experience of four international students:



	<p>www.usc.edu.au/topupdownunder</p> <p>➤ Guides and handbooks: www.usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/guides-and-handbooks-for-international-students</p>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Learning Agreement	Before you start your studies at the partner university, you will have to hand in a Learning Agreement. It will list the courses from abroad, which will be transferred towards your BFH transcript of records. The Learning Agreement has to be signed by both universities and is binding.
Repetition / Compensation of failed modules	<p>BFH modules</p> <p>We strongly advise students who might have any BFH modules they have to repeat, to plan their re-examination before they leave to the partner university.</p> <p>Partner university</p> <p>If students fail exams at the partner university, it is their responsibility to check with the partner university, when and how re-examinations can be taken.</p>
Transcript of records	The BFH transcript of records will not report any courses from your Double Degree year. You will have two transcripts - the one from the BFH and the other from the partner university, for later use.
Diploma	Master students who have successfully completed their study programme at BFH, are invited to participate in the diploma ceremony in Bern (given that they start their Double Degree programme in the spring semester) or their diploma will send out in the post.

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Information Event	October	Students will be invited via SharePoint
Application Deadline	30 November 2016	incl. a motivation letter
Individual Interview	Continuously after application has been submitted	In English. Students will additionally be requested to complete a short English online placement test after the interview.



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Selection & Provisional Confirmation	20 December 2016	As the final selection is based on the modules passed after the 3 rd semester, selected students will only receive provisional confirmation. In order to receive final confirmation, students must have passed all modules after AS16/17 respectively the repeat examinations AS16/17
Study Place Confirmation	30 Dec 2016 (Semester 2) 30 Jun 2017 (Semester 1)	Students confirm that they accept the study place.
Nomination	Spring 2017 (Semester 2) Autumn 2017 (Semester 1)	After the grades of the AS (or repeat/resit exams of AS) have been released
Preparation	Spring 2017 (Semester 2) Autumn 2017 (Semester 1)	Accommodation, flights, courses etc.
Semester Start Abroad	July/August	Depending on the partner university

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