



Information for students of the double degree programme in finance, accounting, taxes, and business economics (with their home university in Ghent)

I. Overview of the double degree programme

Since the 2016/17 winter semester, the University of Göttingen Faculty of Business and Economics and the Ghent University Faculty of Economics and Business Administration offer a double degree programme in finance, accounting, taxes, and business economics. Within four semesters, well-qualified students can complete both a M.Sc. degree in finance, accounting, and taxes at the University of Göttingen, as well as a parallel M.Sc. degree in business economics (with a focus on corporate finance or accounting) at Ghent University.

A double degree programme is an integrated international course of study that takes place partly at a German institute of higher education and partly at an international partner university leading to national degrees from both universities. In a double degree programme, degrees from both partner universities are awarded, as opposed to a singular joint-degree from both partner universities.

The double degree programme offers a comprehensive course of study on the fundamentals of finance, accounting, and taxes and provides an early specialization in accounting or corporate finance. Throughout the course of study, emphasis is placed on methodology and theoretical foundations, as well as a focus on practical applications.

The M.Sc. programme in finance, accounting, and taxes at the University of Göttingen involves a four-semester long course of study, while the M.Sc. programme in business economics at Ghent University requires a two-semester long course of study. Thus, the double degree programme offers well-qualified students the opportunity to earn two degrees within four semesters, which would normally take three years to complete. In this programme, students study for two semesters at Ghent University (in the first academic year), and in the second semester, at the University of Göttingen (in the second academic year). The master's thesis is then written in the fourth semester in Göttingen.

II. Curriculum for students whose home university is in Ghent

Students in the double degree programme, whose home university is Ghent, spend their first two semesters in Ghent. There, they will complete the required course work of the master's programme in business economics (Strategic Management, Advanced Corporate Finance, Management Control International Financial Reporting Standards), courses in their field of specialization, methods, and electives. In the specialization area, students must complete 18 C in the specialization of accounting or corporate finance. The courses in Ghent are offered in English.

In the second academic year, which takes place in Göttingen, students complete their required courses in the Fundamentals of International Company Taxation (12 C), courses in their specialization with a focus either in accounting or corporate finance, a project seminar, and courses from methods and electives. In

the fourth semester, students write their master's thesis in Göttingen. In Göttingen, courses are offered in German and English.

Below, you will find information about the structure of the double degree programme with Ghent University. The first number in the parenthesis notes the required credits for the first year of study at Ghent University and the second number notes the required credits in the second year at the University of Göttingen.

1. Mandatory courses	30 C (24 C/6 C)
2. Specialization	30 C (18 C/12 C)
3. Project seminar	6 C (0 C/6 C)
4. Methods	12 C (6 C/6 C)
5. Electives	12 C (12 C/0 C)
6. Master's thesis	30 C (0 C/30 C)

Overview of the academic structure:

1st and 2nd Semester: Ghent University 60 Credits					
Basic Module (6 Credits)	Basic Module (6 Credits)	Methods (6 Credits)	Specialization (6 Credits)	Elective (6 Credits)	1st Semester 30 Credits
Basic Module (6 Credits)	Basic Module (6 Credits)	Specialization (6 Credits)	Specialization (6 Credits)	Elective (6 Credits)	2nd Semester 30 Credits
3rd and 4th Semester: Göttingen University 60 Credits					
Basic Module (6 Credits)	Specialization (6 Credits)	Specialization (6 Credits)	Methods (6 Credits)	Project Seminar (6 Credits)	3rd Semester 30 Credits
Master's Thesis (30 Credits)					4th Semester 30 Credits

1. First academic year at Ghent University (60 C)

1.1 Mandatory courses (24 C)

The following courses, totalling 24 credits must be successfully completed:

F000442	Strategic Management, 6 C
F000693	Advanced Corporate Finance, 6 C
F000688	Management Control, 6 C
F000689	International Financial Reporting Standards, 6 C

1.2. Specialization (18 C)

1.2.1: Specialization in accounting (18 C)

a) The following course, for 6 credits, must be successfully completed.

F000640	Audit, 6 C
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b) From the following course list, 12 credits must be successfully completed.

F000738	Valuation and Financial Risk Management, 6 C
F000694	Advanced Financial Statement Analysis, 6 C
F710309	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management, 6 C
F000873	Cases in Corporate Finance, 6C
F000874	Corporate Finance in Practice, 3 C
F000719	Advanced Investment Analysis, 6 C
F000718	Financial Planning, 6 C
F000870	Consolidation, 3 C
F000871	International Standards in Auditing, 3 C
F000872	Accounting in Practice, 3 C

1.2.2: Specialization in corporate finance (18 C)

a) From the following course list, 12 credits must be successfully completed.

F000738	Valuation and Financial Risk Management, 6 C
F000694	Advanced Financial Statement Analysis, 6 C

b) From the following course list, one must successfully complete 6 credits.

F710309	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management, 6 C
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F000873	Cases in Corporate Finance, 6C
F000874	Corporate Finance in Practice, 3 C
F000719	Advanced Investment Analysis, 6 C
F000718	Financial Planning, 6 C
F000870	Consolidation, 3 C
F000871	International Standards in Auditing, 3 C
F000872	Accounting in Practice, 3 C

1.3. Methods (6 C)

1.3.1 Methods with a focus on accounting

The following course, for 6 credits, must be successfully completed.

F000690	Research Methods in Accounting, 6 C
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1.3.2: Methods with a focus on corporate finance

The following course, for 6 credits, must be successfully completed.

F000691	Research Methods in Corporate Finance, 6 C
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1.4. Electives (12 C)

Taking the individual specializations into account, one must successfully complete 12 credits from the list of elective courses. Students may freely select from the following possibilities:

- a. From the course offerings of the master's programme of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, as long as the prerequisites are met. Course numbers 1 through 4 from the selected courses cannot be applied.

The complete course offerings at the master's level of the Ghent University Faculty of Economics and Business Administration can be found here: <http://studiegids.ugent.be/2015/EN/FACULTY/F/>:

- b. Courses from other faculties at Ghent University,
 - as long as the prerequisites are met.
 - as long as the course is relevant to the double degree programme.

If there is any doubt about the relevancy of the course, the person responsible for the double degree program at the University of Göttingen will make the final decision. An application to consider course relevancy must be made before taking the course.

- c. Language courses for the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

- as long as the language was not already learned in the bachelor's study
- as long as Dutch or French are the mother language

F000540	Economic Dutch for Non-Native Speakers I, 3 C
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F000228	Economic Dutch for Non-Native Speakers II, 3 C
F000044	Economic French I, 3 C
F000346	Economic French II, 3 C

2. Second academic year at the University of Göttingen

2.1 Mandatory courses (6 C)

M.WIWI-BWL.0105	Fundamentals of International Company Taxation, 6 C
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2.2 Specialization (12 C, within one specialization area)

2.2.1: Specialization in accounting (12 C)

From the following course list, 12 credits must be successfully completed.

M.WIWI-BWL.0004	Financial Risk Management, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0005	Rechnungslegung der Kreditinstitute, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0007	Probleme der Rechnungslegung von Banken nach IFRS, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0008	Derivate, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0009	Verhaltensorientiertes Controlling, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0010	Unternehmensbewertung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0014	Konzernbesteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0015	Besteuerung von Unternehmen unter dem Einfluss des Europarechts, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0018	Analysis of IFRS Financial Statements, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0020	Risk Management and Solvency, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0029	Ringveranstaltung – Aktuelle Fragen der Unternehmensbesteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0041	Rechnungslegung und Kapitalmarkt, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0087	Elektronischer Wertpapierhandel, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0119	Entscheidungs- und Verhandlungstheorie, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0128	Aktuelle Forschung in der Finanzwirtschaft, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0133	Banking Supervision, 6 C

2.2.2: Specialization in corporate finance (12 C)

From the following course list, 12 credits must be successfully completed.

M.WIWI-BWL.0002	Rechnungslegung nach IFRS, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0005	Rechnungslegung der Kreditinstitute, 6 C

M.WIWI-BWL.0007	Probleme der Rechnungslegung von Banken nach IFRS, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0008	Derivate, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0009	Verhaltensorientiertes Controlling, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0010	Unternehmensbewertung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0014	Konzernbesteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0015	Besteuerung von Unternehmen unter dem Einfluss des Europarechts, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0029	Ringveranstaltung - Aktuelle Fragen der Unternehmensbesteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0041	Rechnungslegung und Kapitalmarkt, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0087	Elektronischer Wertpapierhandel, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0105	Grundlagen der internationalen Unternehmensbesteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0119	Entscheidungs- und Verhandlungstheorie, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0128	Aktuelle Forschung in der Finanzwirtschaft, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0133	Banking Supervision, 6 C

2.3 Project seminar (6 C)

From the following course list, one must successfully complete 6 credits.

M.WIWI-BWL.0006	Projektseminar in Finanzwirtschaft, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0011	Projektseminar in Finanzcontrolling, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0016	Projektseminar M&A, Finanzierung und Besteuerung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0032	Projektseminar in Rechnungslegung und Wirtschaftsprüfung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0104	Projektseminar Electronic Finance, 6 C

2.4 Methods (6 C)

From the following course list, one must successfully complete 6 credits.

M.WIWI-QMW.0004	Econometrics I, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0005	Econometrics II, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0009	Introduction to Time Series Analysis, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0010	Multivariate Verfahren, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0012	Multivariate Time Series Analysis, 6 C
M.WIWI-QMW.0013	Applied Econometrics, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0101	Stand und Methoden der empirischen Steuerforschung, 6 C
M.WIWI-BWL.0119	Entscheidungs- und Verhandlungstheorie, 6 C

M.WIWI-VWL.0007 Institutionenökonomik II: Experimentelle Wirtschaftsforschung, 6 C

M.WIWI-VWL.0054 Behavioral Game Theory, 6 C

S.RW.1131a Grundzüge des Gesellschaftsrechts (Personengesellschaftsrecht), 6 C

S.RW.1131b Grundzüge des Kapitalgesellschaftsrechts, 6 C

2.5. Master's thesis

The successful completion of a master's thesis will be awarded 30 C. The period in which to complete the thesis is 20 weeks. Part of the thesis includes participation in a research colloquium where one presents his or her work.

A description of the master's courses offered at the University of Göttingen Faculty of Business and Economics can be found in the course handbook, "Modulhandbuch für Master-Studiengänge" (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/modulhandbuch-master-studieng%C3%A4nge/29210.html>). The complete list of course offerings of the University of Göttingen in every semester is listed in Uni-VZ at: <http://univz.uni-goettingen.de>.

Information about the double degree programme online:

Website of the University of Göttingen:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/double-degree-programm-in-kooperation-mit-der-universit%C3%A4t-gent-belgien/532672.html>

Website of Ghent University: <https://www.ugent.be/en>

III. Administrative issues

1. Semester and student fees

You will pay semester fees at Ghent University, and during your time at the University of Göttingen, you will pay the reduced semester fees for exchange students of the University of Göttingen.

Students shall be enrolled at both institutions in the corresponding programmes. The additional enrolment shall be done at the latest when starting the double degree programme at the host institution, and must be upheld until graduation or termination. This means that you will be enrolled at Ghent University for the entire duration of the double degree programme. During your studies at Göttingen University, however, you have to be additionally enrolled as a student in the 3rd semester.

Further information about the composition of fees that are incurred at Ghent University can be found at:

<http://www.ugent.be/en/education/degree/practical/studentadmin/tuition/standardfee.htm>.

Further information about the composition of fees at the University of Göttingen is at:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/32172.html>.

Contributions to semester fees in Göttingen provide you with:

- the services of the local student union, with benefits such as discounted rates at the cafeteria,
- use of a semester ticket for local train transportation, with which you can travel within the State of Lower Saxony and North Hesse on local Deutsche Bahn trains for free,
- use of a semester ticket for local city busses, that are part of the GöVB transportation system
- an art and culture semester ticket, which allows you free or reduced fee entry to different events and numerous cultural offerings in Göttingen.

Information on semester tickets can be found at: <https://asta.uni-goettingen.de/semesterticket/>.

Living costs in Göttingen are approx. €600-700 per month (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/54664.html>).

2. Academic year

The academic year in Germany is divided into two semesters. The winter semester begins on 1 October and ends on 31 March. The summer semester runs from 1 April to 30 September. The lecture period typically begins in the third week of the semester, and is 14 weeks long. The lecture period in the winter semester ends in the first half of February, and the lecture period in the summer semester ends in mid-July. An overview of the previous and future semester schedule can be found at: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/termine-und-fristen/47743.html>. The examination period is within the first three weeks after the end of the lecture period.

3. Enrolment, accommodations, etc.

The team at the Welcome Centre at the Göttingen International office is ready to help you with enrolment, as well as looking for accommodations. For information on looking for housing, please contact Ms. Helena Hoffmann at the Accommodation Service office (helena.hoffmann@zvw.uni-goettingen.de). Please contact Accommodation Services as soon as possible, and at the latest, by the end of May (for beginning studies in the winter semester). This is important because there is a long waiting list for student housing and the applications must be received by 1 June in order for housing to be guaranteed.

Upon arrival in Göttingen, you should first apply for a student ID card at the University of Göttingen. The student ID card has many functions. It can, for example, be used as identification at the library, or as a payment device at the cafes and cafeterias. Along with a student ID card, you will receive access to your student account, which you will need in order to register for courses through the University of Göttingen's online portal, eCampus. The student ID can be obtained at the "Chipkartenausgabestelle". You can find this office in the building called "Zentralen Hörsaalgebäude" (ZHG), located at Platz der Göttinger Sieben on the main campus, and between rooms ZHG 010 und 011.

After you arrive in Göttingen, you should also contact the double degree programme coordinator. The coordinator can help you in selecting your courses. An overview of the currently offered courses, by semester, can be found online on the University of Göttingen course directory, called the Vorlesungsverzeichnis (UniVZ): <http://univz.uni-goettingen.de>.

If you have questions or problems in the process of getting settled in Göttingen, the International Student Office can help you. General information about studying and living in Göttingen can also be found here: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/48483.html>. You are also welcome to participate in an orientation and

introductory week for international students, which is offered at the start of every lecture period (typically in the first half of October, when beginning your studies in the winter semester) by the International Student Office. Please note that registration is required to participate: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>.

Additionally, you can participate in the Exchange Buddy programme, so that someone can greet you and pick you up upon your arrival in Göttingen from either the train or the bus station. Your buddy can also help you with information about daily student life, and getting familiar with the country: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/exchange-buddy-service-f%C3%BCr-austauschstudierende/49307.html>.

If you would like a longer-term collaboration with a German student, such as a study buddy or academic writing buddy, you can participate in the INDIGU project of the University of Göttingen: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/108275.html>.

You are also very welcome to participate in the orientation week of the Faculty of Business and Economics, which is held in the first week of the lecture period. Information about this event for newly enrolling students at the University of Göttingen can be found here: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/13557.html>.

4. Master's degree

Graduates of the 120 ECTS credit double degree programme will receive two internationally recognized master's degrees: a M.Sc. in Finance, Accounting, and Taxes from the University of Göttingen, and a M.Sc. in Business Economics from Ghent University. The University of Göttingen as well as Ghent University will each provide a diploma where it is stated that the documents are interlocked and together, form a single certificate. Both diplomas will specify that the university degree was awarded in the context of a double degree programme.

5. Additional useful information

At the University of Göttingen, there are a number of services and assistance offered to help answer your questions and problems. The Faculty of Business and Economics Student Advisory Service Office (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/479622.html>) should be your first stop for all questions related to administrative issues. For questions about the academic programme, you can contact the double degree coordinator, Dr. Melanie Klett.

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German language courses:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/7710.html>

Intensive courses:

<http://www.iik-goettingen.de/en/courses/summer-erasmus-courses/>

Information about the University, the City of Goettingen, living costs, etc.:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/574687.html>

Exchange Buddy Service:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html>

Study and academic writing partnerships (InDiGU-Programm):

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108466.html>

Introductory events for international students:

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196393.html>

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