

Fact Sheet AY 2026-27

Master in Finance Exchange



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Administrative Matters

Academic Calendar*

<https://www.whu.edu/programs/exchange-programs/>

During their stay, students can choose courses only from the Master in Finance program. Due to difference in program structures, courses from the Part-time MBA and Full-time MBA cannot be chosen.

Fall 2026

Quarter I September 01 - October 23, 2026

Quarter II October 26 - December 18, 2026**

Mandatory Orientation To be confirmed

Arrival Dates Students to be notified by e-mail

Spring 2027

Quarter III January 11 - March 05, 2027

Quarter IV March 08 - May 01, 2027**

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The dates usually include exams, but a few exams might take place during the week after the end of each quarter (except for quarter II). The dates for our the MBA program differ and can be found in the WHU MBA Fact Sheet.

*All dates are subject to change

** The official end of the spring semester is August 31st but no classes are offered between May to August. During that time students could do an internship in Germany based on their student residence permit. Fall term officially goes until December 31st but no classes are held in the last 10 days of the term.

Deadlines for Application & Nomination

Fall 2026 June 1, 2026 (recommended**)

Spring 2027 October 1, 2026 (recommended**)

Double Degree April 1, 2026

** Please let us know if you would like to nominate students after the deadline.

Nomination Procedure

The home university nominates their student(s) via email including the following information:

- First name and family name of the student (as shown in passport)
- Student's gender
- Student's nationality (for visa purposes)
- Intended length of study
- Study program (MSc, MBA)***
- Student's email address

*** Due to the different campus locations and program structures, graduate exchange students can not mix MSc and MBA courses. The partner university should indicate upon nomination whether the nominated graduate student is applying for our MSc Exchange Program on our Vallendar campus (see our WHU Campus Vallendar BSc MSc Fact Sheet) or our MSc in Finance Exchange Program on our Düsseldorf Campus.



Application Process

After the home university has emailed the nomination to the respective exchange coordinator at WHU, the nominated student(s) will receive instructions for the online application procedure via email.

Shortly after the application deadline, we will process the complete online applications and send an acceptance package including the letter of acceptance for each student to the international office at the home university.

Housing

At the moment WHU cannot offer exchange students university sponsored housing in Düsseldorf. After the application deadline students will be provided additional information and resources which they can use to find housing. It is each student's responsibility to secure accommodation but we are happy to help and give them advice during the process.

Visa and Residence Permit

Depending on their nationality, students might need a visa and/or residence permit to study in Germany. While we assist students in applying for their residence permit, it is the student's own responsibility to take care of visa matters as early as possible, ideally at least 2 months prior to departure.

Students should contact the German Consulate of their home country (or country of residence) to find out if they need a student visa prior to entering Germany/Europe for study purposes.

Health Insurance

All exchange students have to provide proof of health insurance upon their arrival at WHU. It has to cover the following aspects to be acknowledged by the German authorities:

- The student's name has to be mentioned as the insured person
- Period of time: coverage of the entire stay in Germany
- Region: Germany must be covered
- Emergencies must be covered
- All medical expenses must be covered

Health insurance with full coverage for sickness, emergencies and all medical expenses is absolutely mandatory for all exchange students in Germany. Students can contact the International Relations Office at WHU in advance to check if their health insurance is sufficient.

Cost of Living

A student's cost of living will be approximately 1500 € per month, depending on their lifestyle and how much they're willing to spend on free time activities (e.g. travelling, eating out, sports, visiting concerts and clubs).

- Accommodation: between 450 € and 700 €
- Mobile Phone: approx. 30 €
- Food: approx. 180 €
- Local transportation: approx. 215€ (Deutschland ticket, one time payment at the beginning of the semester)
- Health Insurance: approx. 100 € if acquired in Germany
- Miscellaneous (leisure activities): approx. 300 €





Campus in Düsseldorf – MSc in Finance Exchange Program

Full-time and Part-time MBA and the Master in Finance (MSc) courses for exchange students are conducted on our campus in Düsseldorf. The Master in Entrepreneurship, Master in International Business and a Master in Business Analytics and Master in Management program as well as the Bachelor in International Business Administration and Bachelor in Business Psychology for undergraduate exchange students are offered on our campus in Vallendar.

For information on our Exchange Programs on Campus Vallendar, please see our “WHU Campus Vallendar BSc MSc Fact Sheet”.

Graduate students fulfilling the WHU MBA admission requirements need to decide prior to nomination which program they would like to join. The partner universities should include in their nomination email whether the nominated graduate student will join our MSc (Vallendar), MSc in Finance or MBA (Düsseldorf) Exchange Program.

For more information and for a list of requirements that need to be fulfilled to join the MBA exchange program, please see our “Flexible MBA Exchange Factsheet”

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For more information on our Campus in Düsseldorf, please visit this website: www.whu.edu/mba-exchange

To “discover Düsseldorf”, have a look at this official city website: <https://www.duesseldorf.de/int>

Course Catalog

<https://ir-online-course-guide.whu.edu/>

Language of Instruction

Our graduate program is entirely taught and examined in English.

Language Requirements

BSc and MSc exchange students do need to prove their proficiency in English as we trust the selection process of our partner universities. Therefore, a nomination from a partner university is considered proof that the student has a high level of English proficiency (at least B2).

Academic Information

Class format: Lectures, seminars and exercises

Class size: 20 to 40 students

Examination types: Exams, papers, cases, presentations and participation

Attendance: Mandatory

Workload: 5 to 7 courses per term for all programs

Transfer of Credits: Graduate/language courses are worth 5 ECTS credits

ERASMUS Information

Information for Incoming Erasmus students.

Online Learning Agreement (OLA):

Receiving Institution Information:

Country: Germany

Name: WHU-Otto Beisheim school of Management

Faculty/Department: International Relations Office

Address: Burgplatz 2, 56179 Vallendar, Germany

ERASMUS Code: DKoblenz03

Receiving Responsible Person:

Name: Kristina Schwanitz

Position: Exchange Coordinator Europe

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Receiving Administrative Contact Person:

Same as above

Additional Student Services Available

- Personalized academic counseling
- Access to our award-winning Career Center (e.g. company presentations, networking and recruiting fairs, online job & internship database)
- Deutschland Ticket: access to all public transportation in Germany
- Free German language courses offered

Grading System

WHU Grading System		Definition
1.0 to 1.5	sehr gut	very good
1.6 to 2.5	gut	good
2.6 to 3.5	befriedigend	satisfactory
3.6 to 4.0	ausreichend	sufficient
5.0	nicht ausreichend	fail

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