HSG MBA [Application Requirements](https://www.mba.unisg.ch/admissions-requirements)

First step of the application process

To be eligible to start your application for the MBA at HSG, you must meet the minimum requirements below.

1. Requirement 1: Bachelor's Degree

You must hold at least a Bachelor’s degree (3 years) or a Diploma (4 years) with a minimum of 180 ECTS-Credits (European Credit Transfer System) equivalent from a recognized University or a University of Applied Science. Upon enrolment, the applicant must provide official transcripts and, if not in English or German, a certified translation. The degree will be officially verified.

Also, this bachelor's degree should be H+ according to the check of that information on websites such as: 1) [Institutionen - anabin: Infoportal zu ausländischen Bildungsabschlüssen](https://anabin.kmk.org/db/institutionen)

2) And for German universities: [Studying in Germany and doing a doctorate in Germany - Hochschulkompass](https://www.hochschulkompass.de/home.html)

If the University is listed on this website, it means it is H+

In this context (universities and schools), H+ and H- come from the German “Anabin” database, which evaluates the recognition status of foreign higher education institutions in Germany.

Here’s what they mean:

* H+ → The institution is recognized as a higher education institution in Germany.  
  → Degrees from this institution are officially accepted in Germany (e.g., for jobs, further studies, or PhD admission).
* H- → The institution is not recognized as a higher education institution in Germany.  
  → Degrees from such an institution are not officially accepted or may need individual evaluation.

There’s also sometimes H+/-, which means partially recognized — some programs or degrees from the institution are accepted, but not all.

✅ In short:

* H+ = recognized and valid
* H- = not recognized
* H+/- = partly recognized

1. Requirement 2: Two Years of Work Experience after a bachelor's degree. We do not accept less!

Applicants are advised to have a minimum of 3 years of full-time post-bachelor degree work experience by the start date of the MBA program they are applying for, in accordance with accreditation guidelines (i.e. AMBA). Applicants with a minimum of 2 years of full-time post-bachelor's degree work experience by the start date of the MBA program may be considered for admission on an exceptional basis in accordance with the University of St. Gallen (HSG) policy (i.e. Satzung).

1. Requirement 3: Fluency in English

CV has the information of a C1 level in English

1. **🎓 HSG MBA – Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. When does the program start?**   
Our MBA program starts once a year — in **September**.

**2. Do you also have an intake in February?**   
No, we only have **one intake per year**, which starts in **September**.

**3. What is the tuition fee for the Full-time MBA?**   
The tuition fee for the **Full-time MBA** is **CHF 75,000**.

**4. What is the tuition fee for the Part-time MBA?**   
The tuition fee for the **Part-time MBA** is also **CHF 75,000**.

**5. Are scholarships available?**   
Yes, we offer scholarships for both the **Full-time** and **Part-time** MBA programs.

**6. What is the scholarship range?**   
The **maximum scholarship** is **CHF 40,000**, and the **minimum** is **CHF 5,000**.

**7. How can I apply for a scholarship?**   
To apply, you must meet the **five minimum admission requirements** and submit a **motivational letter** explaining your reasons for financial support.

**8. What types of scholarships are available?**   
You can explore all available scholarships in the **Scholarship section** on our website.

**9. Can I work during the Part-time MBA?**   
Yes, you can. Many students work **80%–100%** and manage their studies alongside their jobs.

**10. I have a family and a full-time job. Is it still possible to do the MBA?**   
Yes. Many of our Part-time students successfully balance **career, studies, and family life**. The program is designed with flexibility in mind.

**11. Do you provide housing?**   
No, we do not provide housing for either program.   
However, our **Housing Assistant** helps Full-time students find accommodation in **St. Gallen**.   
Part-time students often stay in **Airbnb**, **Booking.com**, or **Flatfox** options during their study modules.

**12. How long does the study last?**

* **Full-time MBA:** 1 year
* **Part-time MBA:** flexible — can be completed in **18 to 36 months**

**13. Can I work during the Full-time MBA?**   
No, it’s not possible due to classes running **4–5 days per week**.   
However, students can start an **internship** from **March** the following year.

**14. Is it possible to work during the Part-time MBA?**   
Yes. Most Part-time students work **80–100%** while studying.

**15. Do I need a GMAT to apply for the Full-time or Part-time MBA?**   
Yes. You must submit a **GMAT**, **GRE**, or **Executive Assessment (EA)** score.   
You may qualify for a **test waiver** if you hold:

* CPA
* CFA Level 2 or higher
* PhD
* Medical Doctor (MD)

**16. I have 10 years of full-time work and 5 years of management experience. Am I eligible for a GMAT waiver?**   
No. **Professional experience alone** does not qualify for a waiver.

**17. I have a master’s degree in business and 10 years of experience. Can I get a waiver?**   
No. **A master’s degree and experience** do not make you eligible.   
Please check all waiver options in the **Requirements section** of our website.

**18. Do you have corporate interactions?**   
Yes. We organize **Industry Insights** (company visits) and **Corporate Guest Sessions**, where companies come to campus.

**19. What companies are you working with?**   
We collaborate with many companies across industries — including those where our **alumni work**.   
You can explore our **partnerships on the website**.   
Some collaborations are **not displayed publicly** due to confidentiality, but they remain an active part of our ecosystem.

**20. What makes the HSG MBA special compared to other schools?**   
We believe every highly ranked MBA offers value, and we respect our peers.   
What makes HSG MBA unique is its **#1 ranking in the DACH region** and **Top 10 position in Europe (Bloomberg)**.   
It offers an **exceptional network** across Switzerland, Germany, and Austria — and strong **career recognition** across Europe and beyond.

**21. Is it possible to study abroad during the program?**   
Yes. We offer **international electives** at our **partner universities**.   
Check our **brochure** or **website** for details.

**22. What is the minimum work experience required to apply?**   
You need at least **2 years of full-time professional experience** after your bachelor’s degree.

**23. What English level is required?**   
We expect a **C1 level** of English.   
If your degree was fully taught in English, you may be exempt from submitting a test.

**24. What is the average age of your students?**   
The average student age is **32**.   
Full-time students have **5–8 years** of experience; Part-time students typically have **8–12 years**.

**25. What is the class size?**   
We keep our classes **intentionally small**:

* **Full-time MBA:** 40–45 students per intake
* **Part-time MBA:** 50–55 students per intake   
  This ensures **close connections** with faculty, coaches, and peers.

**26. What is the application deadline?**   
Applications are accepted on a **rolling basis** until **June** (or until seats are filled).   
We recommend applying **early** for best chances and scholarship consideration.

**27. Do you offer career support?**   
Yes. Our **Career Services team** provides **personal coaching, workshops**, and **company networking** opportunities throughout the program.

**28. What are the job prospects after graduation?**   
Graduates pursue careers in **consulting, finance, tech, manufacturing, and healthcare**, often in **Switzerland** or the **DACH region**.

**29. Can I apply without a business background?**   
Yes. Many students come from **engineering, science, law, or humanities**.   
The program builds a **strong business foundation** for all backgrounds.

**30. What is the teaching style of the program?**   
The MBA combines **interactive case studies, leadership simulations, group projects**, and **real-world company challenges** — focusing on **practical learning** and **strategic decision-making**.

**31. Is the MBA recognized internationally?**   
Yes. The **HSG MBA** is **internationally accredited** and recognized across Europe and globally for its **academic excellence** and **leadership focus**.

**32. What documents are required for the application?**   
For the first phase of the application, you only need to submit:

* **CV (Resume)**
* **Bachelor’s degree** (or equivalent)
* **Answers to application questions**
* **Copy of passport**

**English proficiency proof**, **GMAT/GRE/Executive Assessment**, and **two references** are required **only in the third phase** of the process, once you successfully pass the second phase.

**33. Do I need to have the GMAT, GRE, or Executive Assessment for the first step of the application?**   
No, you can apply **without these tests**.   
Once you successfully pass **Phase 2**, you can then plan and complete your GMAT, GRE, or Executive Assessment.

**34. Is there an application fee?**   
Yes, the **application fee is CHF 100** (non-refundable).

**35. What is the application and interview process like?**   
The process consists of **three phases**:

1. **Phase 1:** Online application with basic documents.
2. **Phase 2:** Interview — you will receive a **business case study** in advance, prepare a **5-minute presentation**, and discuss your **motivation** for the MBA.
3. **Phase 3:** Submission of **GMAT/GRE/Executive Assessment**, **English proof**, and **references**.

**36. How long does the admission process take?**   
It depends on how quickly you complete the steps (interview scheduling and documents).   
On average, the process takes **4–6 weeks** from start to decision.

**37. Do you support international students with visa procedures?**   
Yes, we provide all required **documents and support** for your **Swiss student visa** once you’re admitted.

**38. Can I stay and work in Switzerland after graduation?**   
Yes. International graduates can apply for a **6-month job search permit** after completing the program.

**39. How much does it cost to live in St. Gallen?**   
On average, students spend **CHF 1,800–2,200 per month**, including accommodation, food, health insurance, and transportation.

**40. What is life like in St. Gallen?**   
St. Gallen is a **safe, student-oriented city** with a strong academic atmosphere.   
It’s close to **Zurich, Lake Constance, and the Alps**, offering a great quality of life and easy travel options.

**41. Do you have an alumni network?**   
Yes. We have an active **MBA alumni community** managed by a **Community Manager** who organizes events such as **Homecoming Weekend, Summer Party, Halloween, and Christmas gatherings**.   
Our alumni stay connected and support each other both professionally and personally.

**42. Do you have career events or Career Days?**   
We don’t have traditional “Career Days.”   
Instead, we offer **Industry Insights**, **Company Interactions**, **Alumni Panels**, and **Career Coaching** sessions — connecting students directly with professionals and recruiters.

**43. Do I need to have a TOEFL or IELTS to prove my English proficiency?**   
Yes, you need to demonstrate English proficiency.   
However, **test waivers** are available if:

* your **bachelor’s or master’s degree** was fully taught in English,
* you **use English daily at work** in a multicultural environment,
* or you are from or hold citizenship of a **native English-speaking country**.