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 (requirements 1-3), to proceed with application you need (requirements 4-5).

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

An English language test is required. To prove fluency in English, certificates equivalent to at least a C1 level on the European Framework for Foreign Languages (TOEFL, IELTS, CAE, CPE, BEC Higher) are recognized. Please indicate the University of St.Gallen MBA programme as an automatic recipient of your official English test report. The University of St.Gallen MBA TOEFL Institution Code is 0198.

Test waiver:

Applicants holding at least a Bachelor’s degree taught entirely in English may be exempted from taking an English test. Applicants who can evidence regular use of English in a professional setting may also qualify for a waiver- usually 2 years working in a multinational company, a letter of prove from a manager should be provided too.

Requirement 4: You must submit a GMAT/GRE/EA score no older than five years. Should more than one GMAT/GRE/EA score result be held, the best score within the last five years will be recognised.

Please indicate the University of St.Gallen MBA as an automatic recipient of your official score report.

* The University of St.Gallen MBA GMAT and EA institution code is 5RK-QG-13
* The University of St.Gallen MBA GRE institution code is 0413

Test waivers:

* CPA or CFA level 2
* PhD, MD, EdD,
* Other qualifications considered on a case-by-case basis

Requirement 5: two references

The contact details of two references are required during the online application process. The references should be able to assess various facets of your personality, your business achievements, and your leadership capabilities.

* 1st referee: Current direct supervisor preferred
* 2nd referee: Someone who has shared extensive experience in the applicant’s professional career or extracurricular activities.

By providing the contact details of the references, the applicant agrees that the admissions team can contact the references in case of any questions concerning the applicant's suitability for the University of St.Gallen MBA program.