FAQ for the Master Entrepreneurship & Digital Transformation

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Quick Guide

Briefly
This FAQ answers common questions about admission, application, and studying in the Master *Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation*.

What you need to prepare and upload in PRIMUSS
- If you completed your degree at a university outside Germany, you must apply for a VPD via uni-assist (processing time: approx. 8 weeks or sometimes even longer).
- Proof of a first university degree worth 180-210 ECTS.
  - If your degree comprises 210 ECTS, no further proof is required.
  - If your degree comprises 180 ECTS, you must provide evidence of an additional 30 ECTS-equivalent (e.g., via relevant courses, work experience, or an internship) gained over one year, in accordance with our Study Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung)
- Proof of English proficiency at B2 level (via recognized tests/certificates)
- Demonstrated experience or knowledge in entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship, digital transformation, and project implementation
- A convincing project description (one page) and pitch reel (2 minute)
- CV

Hard deadlines (no exceptions)
- **2 May - 15 June:** application in PRIMUSS (all required documents uploaded)
- **Beginning of July:** interview invitations are sent
- **Mid-July:** interviews (mandatory)
- **End of July:** admission decision in PRIMUSS (and by mail)

Common reasons for delays or rejection (avoid these)
- Submitting an incomplete application
- Missing uni-assist VPD or underestimating processing time
- Not meeting minimum ECTS/degree requirements (or not providing evidence)
- A project description that is too generic, not feasible, or not aligned with the program focus
- Missing or late responses regarding the interview or enrollment steps

Note: We cannot pre-check documents or confirm eligibility in advance!

Need help?
If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us:

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Admission & Eligibility

Q1: What are the formal requirements?
To be eligible for the Master's program Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation, you must meet the formal admission requirements defined in our Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung). In simple terms, there are three key areas:

1) University degree (minimum entry requirement)
You need proof of a first university degree with at least 180 ECTS (or equivalent) and usually six theoretical semesters, with a final grade of 2.5 or better.
- If your degree comprises 210 ECTS: no additional proof is required.
- If your degree comprises 180 ECTS, you must provide evidence of an additional 30 ECTS-equivalent (e.g., via relevant courses, work experience, or an internship) gained over one year.
- If you completed your previous degree outside Germany: you typically need a VPD (Vorprüfungsdokumentation) via uni-assist. Please plan: processing can take up to ~8 weeks (sometimes even longer).

2) English language skills (B2 level)
You need a good command of written and spoken English, usually proven by a recognized B2 certificate/test. In some cases, this requirement may also be fulfilled through an English-taught higher education program, as defined in the Study and Examination Regulations.

3) Program-specific suitability (aptitude assessment)
All applicants must complete the program's aptitude assessment. This includes:
- evidence of relevant experience in intra-/entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and project implementation,
- a convincing project description, including the pitch reel, and
- an interview (mandatory for all applicants).

Q2: What kind of degree is **required to apply for this Master's program?**
Because this Master's program is interdisciplinary by design, we welcome applications from students with all types of bachelor's backgrounds. The key requirement is that you hold a first university degree (bachelor's or equivalent) that meets the formal admission criteria defined in our Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung).

Please note:
- For the pre-selection and eligibility check, we only assess your bachelor's degree.
- Additional degrees (e.g., a second bachelor's degree or a master's degree) are not considered for meeting the formal entry requirements.

Important:
The program team cannot pre-check or pre-approve applications or documents in advance. Your eligibility is formally assessed by the Examination Board as part of the official application process.

Q3: I am 32 years old and got my bachelor's degree in economics 4 years ago. Am I still eligible for this program? Is there any age restriction for applicants?

Yes, you can apply. There is no age restriction for applicants to this Master's program. What matters is whether you meet the formal admission requirements and successfully complete the application process.

Q4: Attached you can find my degree and my application documents. Do you think I am eligible to apply for your master's program?

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Q5: I am writing my Bachelor's thesis at the moment/this semester. I am only missing the ECTS credit points from the thesis and one additional elective course. As of now, my grade point average is 2.3. Is my current Transcript of Records enough to be considered for the application?

Yes, if you are close to completing your bachelor's degree, you can apply. What you need to upload depends on whether your degree is from Germany or from abroad.

For applicants with a German degree

If you do not yet have your final bachelor's certificate by the application deadline (15 June), you upload an official Transcript of Records (ToR) instead.

It must clearly show:
- your current degree status,
- your current overall grade, and
- your currently achieved ECTS.

Important: You must submit an updated, official ToR by 16 August at the latest.
This updated ToR must be issued by your university's examination office and include an official stamp and signature. Please send the updated document directly to the program lead (deepdive@hm.edu). If the updated ToR is not received by 16 August, your application will be rejected as incomplete - even if you already passed the interview.

For applicants with a non-German/international degree

If your previous degree was completed outside Germany, you need a valid VPD (Vorprüfungsdokumentation) via uni-assist as part of your application.
- Apply for the VPD via uni-assist using your latest degree documents (including the current result/status).
- You must upload the VPD in PRIMUSS by 15 June (application deadline).
- Please plan ahead: uni-assist processing often takes up to ~8 weeks (sometimes longer).

If the VPD is not uploaded by 15 June, your application will be rejected as incomplete.

Q6: Can I send my German bachelor's degree certificate later?
Yes. If you do not have your final German bachelor's degree certificate at the time of application, you can submit it later, but it must be provided no later than enrollment. The exact deadline and required documents will be stated in your acceptance letter.

Q7: I graduated from a university that is not in Germany. Does this fall under the category "an equivalent degree"?
Yes. A bachelor's degree from a university outside Germany can be considered an equivalent first university degree.

Important: If your bachelor's degree was completed outside Germany, you typically need a VPD (Vorprüfungsdokumentation) via uni-assist as part of your application. Please plan enough time for this step, as the VPD process can take up to 8 weeks or even longer.

Q8: I am an international student who completed studies at a German university located in Germany. Is it necessary for me to apply for a VPD?
If your German bachelor's certificate clearly shows your final grade and your ECTS credits, you do not need to apply for a VPD.

Q9: I'm currently enrolled in another Master's program (e.g., "Innovation and Technology"). Can I transfer to your Master's program?
A direct transfer into a higher semester is not possible. If you would like to join our Master's program, you must apply and start from the beginning. However, after enrollment you may request recognition of up to two previously completed courses as electives (each worth at least 5 ECTS).

Important: Recognition is not assessed during the application process. The Examination Board reviews and decides on recognition after enrollment, based on your submitted course documentation (e.g., syllabus, learning outcomes, credits, and grading).

Q10: I don't have ECTS credits. How can I check whether I meet the minimum 180 ECTS requirement?
If your bachelor's degree uses a credit system other than ECTS, you can still apply. Here is a practical way to estimate whether you meet the formal requirements (as defined in our **Study** and Examination Regulations (**Studien- und Prüfungsordnung**)) before you start the uni-assist process:

Step 1: Understand what ECTS means
As a general orientation, 1 ECTS ≈ 30 hours of student workload (including classes, self-study, exams, and assignments). Some universities provide an official workload conversion; if so, use that first.

Step 2: Do a quick self-check before applying via uni-assist

Before paying fees and submitting documents to uni-assist, we recommend checking these points:

- Is your institution recognized as a higher education institution?
  You can use anabin to check whether your university is officially recognized (website available in German).
- Does your grade meet the requirement (usually 2.5 or better)?
  You can convert your grade yourself using the Bavarian formula (this gives a first orientation only).

Step 3: Check the length of your studies (semesters)

If you have completed at least six theoretical semesters, this is generally considered equivalent to meeting the minimum scope of 180 ECTS (for eligibility purposes).

Important note

This self-check is meant to help you estimate your eligibility. The official assessment of equivalency (including credits and grading) is carried out during the application process (and, for degrees from outside Germany, usually via uni-assist).

Q11: I have 180 ECTS from my undergraduate degree. What do I have to do?

If your bachelor's degree has 180 ECTS (instead of 210), you can still apply. However, in accordance with our Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung), §4, you must compensate the missing ECTS (up to 30 ECTS) in order to graduate from the Master's program.

What does that mean in practice?

Once you receive your acceptance letter, it will include initial information that you may need to make up missing ECTS (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, §4).

After receiving the acceptance letter, you can send proof to the program lead of either:

- previous qualifying experience (e.g., internship/work experience that may be recognised), or
- already acquired learning outcomes / credits that could cover the missing up to 30 ECTS,

The Examination Board will then review and approve your documents.

Can previous internships or work experience count?

Previous experience may be recognised, for example:

- a full-time internship of at least 20 weeks, and/or
- qualifying full-time work experience of at least one year.

You will typically need to submit references/proof (e.g., employer confirmation, internship certificate, contract, description of tasks etc.).

Important: Recognition is not automatic, it must be reviewed and approved by the Examination Board (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, §4).

What happens after the review?
- If everything is approved: no further action is required.
- If you do not have relevant experience, or if your previous experience/knowledge cannot be recognised: you must compensate the missing requirements by completing the defined modules/exams (up to 30 ECTS) or a full-time internship (at least 20-weeks) during the program.

Deadline to complete missing requirements
If you still need to make up missing ECTS, you must complete/prove the requirements within 12 months after starting the program.

Note: You can only graduate once the missing ECTS requirements have been fulfilled (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, §4).

Q12: How do you treat the second decimal of the final Bachelor's grade (e.g., 2.51-2.59)?
Grades between **2.51 and 2.59** are treated as **2.5** for the eligibility check.

Q13: My bachelor's degree certificate is from a non-German university. How can I find out what my grade point average is?
For a first orientation, you can use an online grade conversion tool (e.g., based on the Bavarian formula) to estimate how your grade might translate to the German system. In Germany, the grading scale typically ranges from 1.0 (very good) to 5.0 (failed).

Please note:
- This conversion is only a self-check and does not replace the official evaluation.
- If your self-check suggests a result worse than 2.5, you may still apply, but it is possible that you do not meet the formal admission requirements defined in our Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung).
- For non-German degrees, you generally need to apply for a VPD via uni-assist, because international degrees must be officially reviewed as part of the application process.

Q14: My bachelor's grade is worse than 2.5. How can I prove "above-average performance" in intra-/entrepreneurship or digitalization projects?
If your final bachelor's grade is worse than 2.5, you can still apply to the Master's program if you can convincingly demonstrate above-average subject-specific and operational performance through relevant, responsibly implemented projects.

What kind of proof is helpful?

Please upload clear, evidence-based documents that show what you did, what impact you created, and why your contribution was above average. Examples include:

- Work references or employer confirmations describing your role, responsibilities, and performance
- Certificates (e.g., entrepreneurship programs, digital transformation training, project management)
- Project documentation (e.g., project reports, concept decks, product specs, prototypes, portfolio links)
- Proof of outcomes/impact (e.g., metrics, publications, awards, funding, customer validation, implemented features)
- Recommendation letters (especially if they include concrete examples of your contribution and performance)

Important: The program team cannot pre-check documents in advance. Your eligibility is formally assessed by the Examination Board during the official application process.

Q15: Which English tests or certificates do you accept as proof of B2 English?

We accept the following certificates/tests as proof of good English skills (B2 level):

- TOEFL iBT: at least 72 points
- IELTS: at least 5.5
- TOEIC (both required):
    - Listening & Reading: overall 785 points (Listening 400 points + Reading 385 points) and
    - Speaking & Writing: overall 310 points (Speaking 160 points + Writing 150 points)
- Cambridge English:
    - Cambridge FCE (First Certificate in English)
    - Cambridge CAE (Advanced)
    - Cambridge CPE (Proficiency)
- BEC Vantage (Business English Certificate)
- UNIcert II
- Bachelor's degree taught in English (see Q18)
- For applicants with a German Abitur / High School Diploma: if it explicitly states English level B2

Q16: I will receive my English test result after the application deadline (15 June). Can I submit it later?

Unfortunately, no. Your English certificate/test result must be uploaded by 15 June (the official application deadline). Documents submitted after this deadline cannot be accepted, and your application will be considered incomplete.

Q17: My German high school diploma (Abiturzeugnis) stated that I have B2-level English. Can I submit this as proof?

Yes. If your Abiturzeugnis explicitly states English level B2, it is accepted as equivalent proof of English proficiency for the Master's program.

Q18: My bachelor's degree was taught in English. Is this accepted as proof of B2 English?

Yes, this can be accepted as proof of English proficiency if your official bachelor's documents clearly confirm that the program was fully taught in English (e.g., on the degree certificate, Diploma Supplement, or an official confirmation from your university).

Important: Individual English-taught courses are not sufficient. We can only accept this option if the entire bachelor's program was delivered in English.

Q19: Is German language knowledge required?

No, German proficiency is not required to apply or to study in the Master's program. As an enrolled student, you can take German language courses as a General Studies Course (AW-Fach, not as elective). More information is available [here](.).

Q20: Can I update documents after submission (before June 15)?

No, documents submitted after this deadline cannot be accepted, and your application will be considered incomplete.

Suitability, Procedure and Project Description

Q21: What does "proof of course-specific suitability as part of a selection procedure" mean?

It means that admission to the Master's program is not based on formal requirements alone - you also need to show that you are a good fit for the program through a two-step selection procedure.

Step 1: Document-based pre-selection

You submit your complete application in [PRIMUSS](.) (application form + required documents). Your documents are reviewed - especially:

- your academic background (degree / transcript)
- proof of English
- CV and relevant experience
- project description (including the pitch reel) *(*this is a key part and is often missing)

Only applications that pass this first review move on to the next stage.

Step 2: Admission interview (mandatory)

If you pass the pre-selection, you will be invited to a mandatory admission interview. The interview helps us assess your motivation, relevant experience, and your entrepreneurial mindset with the Master's program.

Q22: What is the project description and the pitch reel?
The project description is a short, structured one-page document (maximum 1 page, Arial 10 pt, including all media) in which you present a project, venture idea, or initiative you have worked on. It helps us understand how you think, how you work, and what you learned - and it is a key part of the program-specific suitability assessment.

What should your project description cover?
Please address these points clearly and concretely:

- The problem you identified and why it matters
- Your target group
- Your proposed solution (product/service/initiative)
- Your motivation (what inspired you to work on this)
- Challenges you faced and how you handled them
- What you learned (about the topic and about yourself)

Your project description should show a systematic approach, for example: starting from a real problem (or a new technology), developing a solution, and thinking about practical implementation.

Pitch reel (mandatory - link must be included in the project description)

In your written project description, you must include a link to a 2-minute pitch reel.

Pitch reel instructions

Please record a 2-minute video (no presentation slides) with this structure:

- **Part 1 (1 minute):** Pitch another entrepreneurial idea that excites you (different from the written project description).
- **Part 2 (1 minute):** Answer the following questions:
    - Why did you choose this idea and what can you contribute to it?
    - What should we know about you, and why do you want to become an entrepreneur?

Important: Include the video link directly in the uploaded project description (so we can access it easily) and ensure permissions are public.

Format & length

- The project description must not exceed one page (including the pitch reel link and any other media).
- The pitch reel must not exceed two minutes.

If the one-page limit or the reel length is exceeded, your submission will be evaluated as insufficient.

Q23: If I submit an entrepreneurship project / idea, does that mean I will work on it during the Master's program?

Not necessarily. The project description is mainly used for the application and selection process - it does not automatically become your project in the Master's program.

During the introduction week in October, project teams are formed. If you can convince other students that your idea is a strong opportunity and you find a team of up to four additional students who want to work on it with you for two semesters, then there is a good chance you can continue developing the same idea as your entrepreneurship project.

Q24: Why do I need to submit a project description if it may not become my project during the Master's program?

The project description is part of the program-specific suitability assessment. It helps us evaluate how you think and work - independent of whether you will later continue with the same idea.

With your project description, you show that you can:

- identify and frame an interdisciplinary problem related to entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship and digital transformation,
- structure it in a clear and logical way,
- develop systematic solution approaches, and
- present your solution convincingly.

In other words: the project description is not about "locking in" your future project - it is about demonstrating the skills and mindset that are important for the Master's program, as defined in our Study and Examination Regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung, §2 para. 2).

Q25: Can I submit my bachelor's thesis (or another university project) instead of the project description?

No. You must submit a project description that follows the guidelines and focuses on an entrepreneurial or intrapreneurial project/initiative (including the pitch reel link). If you submit a bachelor's thesis instead, your application will be evaluated as insufficient.

Q26: Can I submit a conference paper or journal article as my project description?

No. You must submit a project description in the required format (as explained above, including the pitch reel link). If you submit a conference paper or journal article instead, your application will be evaluated as insufficient.

Application Process and Documents

Q27: When can I apply?

The Master's program starts once per year in the winter semester (official start: 1 October).
The application period is 2 May to 15 June of the same year you want to begin your studies.

Q28: Does the Master's program also start in the summer semester?
No. The Master's program starts only in the winter semester (official start: 1 October).

Q29: Can I apply again if I was not admitted?
Yes. You can reapply once.

Q30: How do I apply?
Applicants with a German bachelor's degree

If you completed your bachelor's degree at a German university, you can apply online from 2 May to 15 June. You do not need to send any documents by post.

1. Complete the online application form
2. Upload the required documents (as PDF, unless stated otherwise):

- Bachelor's degree certificate (including your final grade) plus Diploma Supplement (if available)
- Proof of English language skills (B2)
- Proof of knowledge/experience in intra-/entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and project implementation
- Project description (including pitch reel)
- CV

Applicants with a non-German bachelor's degree

If you completed your bachelor's degree at a university **outside Germany**, you must first prove that your degree is equivalent to a German first degree. This is done via uni-assist.

Step 1: Apply to uni-assist (VPD)

1. Submit your documents to uni-assist for validation (VPD).
2. Processing time can take up to ~8 weeks (sometimes even longer), so apply as early as possible**.**

Typically required by uni-assist (please check country-specific requirements on their website with the specific tool):

- Certified copy of your bachelor's degree certificate
- Certified translation if the documents are not in German or English
- Certified copy of your Diploma Supplement or, if not available, a certified copy of your Transcript of Records
- Copy of your passport

After evaluation, uni-assist will issue your VPD (preliminary documentation). Please note that the VPD is valid for one year only.

Step 2 - Apply to HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences (2 May to 15 June)

Once you have received the VPD, submit your application to HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences via PRIMUSS - HM application portal - between 2 May and 15 June and upload:

- Bachelor's degree certificate (including your final grade) plus Diploma Supplement (if available)
- Proof of English proficiency at B2 level (via recognized tests/certificates)
- Proof of knowledge/experience in intra-/entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and project implementation
- Project description (including pitch reel)
- CV
- VPD (uni-assist)

Practical tips
- Start uni-assist early: the VPD is often the critical path.
- Upload complete documents (missing pages/signatures/translations are common reasons for rejections).
- Make sure your project description + pitch reel follow the program requirements and are easy to access (e.g., working link, correct permissions).

Q31: What do you mean by "proven knowledge in intra-/entrepreneurship, digital transformation and project implementation" - and how can I prove it?

We are looking for evidence that you have practical experience and/or academic background in all three areas:
- (Intra-)Entrepreneurship (e.g., venture creation, innovation, business models)
- Digital transformation (e.g., digital products, technology-driven change, data/AI, process digitization)
- Project implementation (e.g., planning, execution, delivery, teamwork, results)

To prove this, please upload any relevant documents in PRIMUSS during your application process. Typical examples include:
- University courses (mandatory and/or electives) in the fields above (Transcript of Records is usually sufficient)
- Extracurricular programs (e.g., summer school, hackathon, bootcamp, incubator programs)
- Online courses / trainings (e.g., MOOCs, for example, the SCE Academy MOOC "Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurship" is accepted as proof)
- Internship certificates / work references / student assistant confirmations that describe your tasks, responsibilities, and achievements
- Proof of self-employment / freelance work (e.g., client projects, confirmations, portfolio)
- Proof of small business ownership or partnership (e.g., registration, role description, evidence of activities)

Tip: The most helpful proof shows what you did, in which context, and what the outcome was (not just participation).

Q32: Do I need to send any documents by mail?

No. Please upload all required documents via the online application platform PRIMUSS. Documents sent by mail cannot be considered for your application.

Q33: I'm finishing my degree at a university outside Germany/Europe and don't have my final certificate yet. What can I do?

Unfortunately, uni-assist cannot issue a VPD based only on a Transcript of Records (ToR). This means you generally need your final bachelor's degree certificate to start the uni-assist process.

What you should do:
- Request your final degree certificate as early as possible (as soon as it becomes available).
- You must have a VPD issued in time to upload it in PRIMUSS by 15 June (application deadline).

If the VPD is not uploaded by 15 June, your application will be considered incomplete and cannot be accepted.

Q34: Do I need to submit an extra motivation letter?

No. A separate motivation letter is not required - neither for uni-assist nor for the application at HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences in PRIMUSS.

Q35: Do I need to submit a CV?

Yes. Please upload your CV in PRIMUSS as part of your application

Q36: How do I get to the online application platform?

You can directly apply via PRIMUSS.
If you experience technical issues, please contact the Enrollment Office:
Phone: 089 1265-5000
Email: immatrikulation@hm.edu
Please also check their office hours here.

Q37: What is the timeline in the application process?

Step	What happens	Typical Timing / Deadlines
1	uni-assist (VPD) (only for applicants with a non-German degree)	Start as early as possible - processing can take up to ~8 weeks (sometimes longer). Ideally 8+ weeks before 15 June.
2	Apply in PRIMUSS (upload all required documents)	2 May - 15 June (application period)
3	Admission interview (mandatory for all applicants)	Usually mid of July (Interview invitations are sent beginning of July)
4	Admission decision/status in PRIMUSS	Usually end of July

Q38: The website says the Master's program is accredited. Where can I find details about the accreditation?

Yes, our Master's program is accredited. If you would like to see official details on the process and outcome, please check the database of the Foundation Accreditation Council (Stiftung Akkreditierungsrat):
https://antrag.akkreditierungsrat.de/akkrstudiengaenge/a73907a4-1f41-0683-0846-5edd094c68cc/

Admission Interview

Q39: When will I receive an invitation to the admission interview?

Admission interviews usually take place mid-July. If you pass the document-based pre-selection, you will typically receive your interview invitation about 1-2 weeks before the interview date (usually beginning of July).

If you have not received an invitation email by the mid of July, this means you did not pass the pre-selection. Please note that we do not send separate notifications about the outcome of the pre-selection stage.

Q40: How can I prepare for the admission interview?

The interview is a chance for you to ask questions and get to know the program team. At the same time, we use it to learn more about you - especially your motivation, your way of thinking, your communication style, and your entrepreneurial mindset (e.g., how you approach uncertainty, learn from feedback, and turn ideas into action), based on your application documents and project description.

How to prepare (simple and effective):
- Re-read your project description and be ready to explain it with more details.
- Prepare a few sentences on your background in intra-/entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and project implementation (what you did and what impact it had).
- Think of 2-3 thoughtful questions about the program and what is important for you.

Once you receive the invitation, we will also send you additional details about the interview process and your timeslot.

Q41: Do I need to come to Munich for the admission interview?

No. The admission interview is conducted online, so you do not need to travel to Munich for it.

Q42: How many places are allocated for international students in the Master's program?

We do not allocate a fixed number of places specifically for international students. All applicants who successfully pass both stages of the selection procedure (document-based pre-selection and the mandatory interview) can be admitted. In recent cohorts, international students have made up around half of the group.

Admission Decision and Enrollment

Q43: When will I receive the result of my application (acceptance or rejection)?
After the Examination Board has reviewed your application, you can usually expect the decision around the end of July. You will receive either an admission notice or a rejection notice: online via PRIMUSS and by mail.

Q44: How does the enrollment work?
Enrollment means officially becoming a student at HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences. All details about the process will be provided in the acceptance letter via PRIMUSS. Once you are enrolled, you receive student status and can, for example, register for courses and exams, use the library, and access university services.

You will be enrolled if all required documents are complete and there are no obstacles to admission. After enrollment, you will receive:
- your student ID card, and
- the login details for your university account.

Important: The student ID card must be collected in person.

All details about the enrollment process, required documents, and deadlines will be provided in your acceptance letter in PRIMUSS.

Health insurance (required for enrollment)
You must bring a current health insurance certificate for enrollment day. The certificate must be issued specifically for HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences and must be titled:
"Versicherungsbescheinigung zur Einschreibung an der Hochschule"
General insurance certificates cannot be accepted.

If you have private health insurance
You still need an additional confirmation from a German statutory health insurance provider stating that you are:
exempt from the statutory insurance requirement, or
not required to have statutory insurance.

For international students
To complete enrollment, you must provide the required confirmation from a German statutory health insurance provider.

Q45: Do I need to move to Munich to start my Master's Program?
The Master's program Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation is a full-time, project-based program. This means you must be in Munich for your studies, especially because project team meetings with supervisors require in-person presence.

We understand that visa processes can cause delays in some cases. If you expect visa-related

issues, please contact us by email as early as possible - we will review your situation case by case.

Before the Program Starts

Q46: After I receive my acceptance via PRIMUSS, what will happen until enrollment and the official start on October 1?

After you receive your acceptance notification in [PRIMUSS](#), you will receive an email from the enrollment team with detailed next steps (including enrollment instructions, required documents, and deadlines).

You will also receive an email with comprehensive instructions from the program lead. Please make sure to participate in the provided online workshop 'Start your master's degree' (usually scheduled two weeks before the program) and the Introduction Week (first week of October). Both formats are designed to help you become acquainted with the program and your fellow students. Furthermore, these opportunities allow you to address any questions you may have related to the study program.

Q47: Do I have to take part in the online workshop "Start your master's degree"?

We strongly recommend attending the online workshop "Start your master's degree."
It covers key information about the curriculum, the introduction week, and the next steps - and it's also a great opportunity to meet your cohort early and start networking.

Q48: Do I have to take part in the Introduction Week?

Yes. Participation in the Introduction Week is mandatory.

It is the official kick-off of the Master's program and includes essential elements such as:
- getting to know your cohort and the program structure,
- onboarding into HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences and the SCE ecosystem,
- meeting company partners, professors, and coaches, and
- team formation for the project work (this is a key part of the week).

Important: If you cannot attend in person due to visa issues, you must be available to participate online, especially during the team formation sessions. If you are not available, you will be assigned to a team, and team changes are generally not possible afterward.

Fees and Semester Contribution

Q49: Is there an application fee for this Master's Program?

No. Applying to the Master's program is free of charge. However, if you have a non-German bachelor's degree, you usually need to apply for a VPD via [uni-assist](#), and uni-assist charges a fee for this service.

Q50: Are there tuition fees? If yes, how high are they?

There are currently no tuition fees for this Master's program. However, all students must pay a semester fee (Studierendenwerk basic fee) as part of enrollment/re-registration. At HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences, this basic fee is €97 per semester starting from the summer semester 2026.

Public transport (optional):

If you want a nationwide public transport pass, you can buy the Deutschlandticket as a monthly subscription. Since 1 January 2026, it costs €43 per month for students and is valid on local/regional public transport across Germany (not long-distance trains like ICE/IC/EC). Here you can find more information.

Living in Munich and Study Organisation

Please note that HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences cannot support individual applications for visas, accommodation, or scholarships. Please use the recommended links and contact the relevant authorities or institutions directly.

Q51: What should I prepare before coming to Germany as an international student - and what do I need to organize after arrival?

Before moving to Germany, you typically need to arrange key basics such as visa/residence requirements, health insurance, and accommodation. After arrival, you will also need to take care of local formalities (e.g., registration and settling in).

For step-by-step guidance, please use the official information page for international full-time students at HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences.

Q52: Does HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences have dormitories, and how can I get a place?

HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences itself does not run its own dormitories. Student housing in Munich is mainly organized via the Studierendenwerk München Oberbayern (student services).

Because demand is very high, there is usually a waiting period. Depending on the residence hall, the waiting time is often between 3 and 4 semesters (so it can be up to about a year or longer).

How to apply:
1. Apply online via Studierendenwerk's accommodation portal.
2. Check the current waiting periods for the specific residence halls you select (they vary by location and housing type).
3. Don't rely on dorm housing only - use additional housing options (private market / temporary housing), because dorm offers are not guaranteed.

Here you can also find some more information.

Q53: How can I find a shared flat or flats in Munich?

Finding housing in Munich can take time - so start early and use several channels in parallel. Besides the accommodation guide from HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences, these platforms are good starting point:

- WG-Gesucht (wg-gesucht.de): the most common platform for shared flats (WGs) and rooms in Munich.
- ImmobilienScout24 (immobilienscout24.de): large real estate portal for apartments and rentals.
- Housing anywhere (housinganywhere.com): helpful for student-friendly (often temporary) rentals.
- Kleinanzeigen (kleinanzeigen.de): classifieds site where private listings are posted (formerly "eBay Kleinanzeigen").

Important: Never transfer money (rent/deposit) before you have seen the place and verified the offer - scams are common.

Please note: We unfortunately can't provide support with individual housing searches.

Q54: Are there options for financial support or scholarships?

Yes - depending on your personal situation, there may be several ways to finance your studies (see also information from the Studierendenwark Oberbayern):

- **BAföG (state student funding):** Need-based support for eligible students. Whether you qualify depends on factors such as income/assets and (for international students) your residence status. BAföG
- **Scholarships:** There are different scholarship options (including merit- and need-based formats). A good starting point is the financing and scholarship advisory information provided by Studierendenwerk München Oberbayern.
- **HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences scholarships (e.g., Deutschlandstipendium):** HM offers scholarship programs you can check separately.

Please note: The university cannot handle individual applications for BAföG, scholarships, loans, or external funding. For the most reliable guidance, contact the relevant institutions directly (especially the Studierendenwerk advisory services).

Q55: Is there an opportunity to work on campus?

Yes. Depending on your qualification, you can apply for a student assistant job at any faculty of HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences. Here you can find all current job offers for students.

Please note: We cannot support individual students in finding or applying for jobs.

Q56: Do I get a student ticket ("Semesterticket")?

If you want a nationwide public transport pass, you can buy the Deutschlandticket as a monthly subscription. Since 1 January 2026, it costs €43 per month for students and is valid on local/regional public transport across Germany (not long-distance trains like ICE/IC/EC). Here you can find more information.

Q57: Are German language courses available for international students in the Master's program?

If you have little or no German, you can take German language courses during your studies (free of charge). All offers you can find [here](#).

Q58: Do I need a blocked account (Sperrkonto) for a student visa in Bavaria?

A blocked account is one common way to prove that you have sufficient financial means for your student visa/residence permit application. Whether you need a blocked account depends on your individual case and the requirements of the responsible German embassy/authority. The German Federal Foreign Office explains the blocked account process and alternatives [here](#).

Please note: HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences cannot support individual visa applications. You are responsible for applying for your visa in time and providing the required documents.

Q59: On which days are the lectures? Can you share the schedule for Entrepreneurship I & II, Digital Technologies, Digital Business Models, and Project I & II?

We can't provide an exact weekday schedule in advance because the timetable can change each semester (e.g., depending on room availability, lecturers).

Please note that this is a full-time Master's program. As a Guideline:
- Project work (Project I & II): expect about 25 hours per week (team meetings + work time).
- Courses (compulsory + electives): usually add around 9-12 hours per week.

You will receive more concrete scheduling information during the "Start your Master's Degree" workshop in September.

Q60: Do I need to be physically present for Project I and II, or can I attend project meetings online?

You must be physically present for Project I and II. The Master's program is a full-time, project-based program, and in-person project team meetings with supervisors are mandatory.

Project Work and Electives

Q61: Will I be able to work on my business idea?

Possibly, but it depends on team formation. In the Master's program, project work is done in teams, not individually.

During the Introduction Week in October, you can pitch your business idea to the cohort. If you convince other students and build a team of up to four additional team members, you can work on your idea together throughout the program.

Q62: Will I keep ownership of my business idea if I work on it with an entrepreneurship project team?

In the Master's program, project ideas are developed collaboratively. If you bring an idea into a team, it will be further developed together with your team members - so the outcome is typically considered a shared team result. The exact rules (e.g., roles, responsibilities, and ownership/IP arrangements) are clarified in a team contract that the project team create and agrees on.

Q63: If I'm interested in a co-creation project, when will I learn about the available company challenges?

You will learn about the available co-creation challenges during the Introduction Week in October. Companies present their challenges there, and you can indicate which ones you are interested in. After that, the program team forms the project teams based on student interests and an interdisciplinary mix of backgrounds and skills, in line with the program framework.

Q64: Can you share examples of company partners from previous years of the Master's program?

In previous years, students have worked with companies such as KUKA, Airbus Helicopters, ZEISS, Allianz, Fresenius Medical Care, IABG, metafinanz, Siemens, and TÜV SÜD. You can also find project descriptions from previous years on this page.

Q65: Can I see project examples from previous years?

We share project descriptions from previous cohorts on this page.

Q66: When will I meet my team and my supervising professor?

You will meet your project team during the Introduction Week. You will also meet your supervising professor in the same week.

During the first meetings, you will discuss the project topic, align on expectations, and clarify the next steps for your project work and study plan.

Q67: Is there a list of the "compulsory elective courses"?

There is no single fixed list. Instead, we provide a curated selection of electives from Master's programs across several faculties at HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences (currently: 03, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10, 12, and 14). Here you can find also information for courses in English and the related program for each faculty.

How it works:
- You choose an elective that fits your interests and study focus.
- The module lecturer and the Examination Board must approve your choice so it can be officially recognized. This step is organized by the program lead.

Other elective options (examples): Courses via the [vhb](vhb) (Virtual University of Bavaria), Global Entrepreneurship Summer School and the Certificate for Transformational Change at our Social Entrepreneurship Academy (SEA)