



Graduate School of Business, Economics, Law and Social Sciences

Overview

Founded in 1898 as a “business academy”, the University of St.Gallen (HSG), Switzerland, continues to pursue the goal of providing its nearly 5,000 students with a practice-oriented education, guided by an integrative view of business, economics, law and social sciences. With success: The HSG has been constantly ranked among the top business schools in Europe, most recently as no. 1 together with London Business School and LSE. Accreditations by EQUIS and AACSB International underline our commitment to a holistic curriculum that meets the highest academic standards. To promote cultural diversity at the University of St.Gallen (HSG), 50 university places at the Master’s Level are earmarked every year for foreign students from regions outside the German-speaking part of the European Union. 25% of the students are foreigners from 69 different countries.

Qualifications

Programmes in English:

- Master’s in Strategy and International Management
- Master’s in Quantitative Economics and Finance
- Doctoral programme in Multicultural Management
- Doctoral programme in International Management – East Asia
- PhD in Economics and Finance

Programmes in German:

- Bachelor’s programmes in Business Administration; Economics; International Affairs; Law; Law and Economics
- Master’s programmes in Information, Media and Technology Management; Marketing, Services and Communication Management; Accounting and Finance; Banking and Finance; Economics; International Affairs and Governance; Law; Law and Economics
- Doctoral programmes in Business Administration, Economics, Law and International Relations

Attendance & duration

Full-time programmes:

- Bachelor’s programmes: six semesters
- Master’s programmes: three semesters (Law and Economics: four semesters)

Fees

- After the definitive acceptance into the program at the University of St.Gallen, the tuition will automatically be paid for by the government. Aside from that, the student has to remit the following fees:
- Application fee: CHF 250/ca. € 170
- Tuition fee per semester of regular degree programme: CHF 1170/ca. € 800

Starting dates & deadlines

- Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes start in September (fall semester), additional admission in February (spring semester) for selected Master’s programmes
- Application deadline: End of April for entry in September; End of November for entry in February

Entry requirements & application procedures

- Office of Students’ Affairs: +41 (0)71 224 21 11
- General questions: www.unisg.ch / info@unisg.ch
- Questions regarding enrollment / admission: www.admissions.unisg.ch / admissions@unisg.ch

As a pioneer in the implementation of the **Bologna model**, the University of St.Gallen (HSG) went far beyond relabeling existing study programmes, undertaking a comprehensive restructuring of the curriculum. A basic professional training is no longer sufficient to meet the practical world’s increasing claims on the intellectual flexibility and intercultural qualifications of university graduates; therefore, all of our programmes now include Contextual Studies to meet these new requirements.

25% of the curriculum is devoted to cultural and social studies to develop **critical thinking and cultural awareness**, as well as in training units for the acquisition of leadership skills. While our five Bachelor’s programmes provide general and diversified education in the chosen field of study, the ten Master’s programmes allow students to gain greater depth on both theoretical and practical levels.

Research at the University of St.Gallen is centred around the **30 institutes and research groups**, which are an integral part of the University. The institutes not only stand for excellence in research, but offer consulting services and act as leading providers of executive education in the German-speaking area. As such, our portfolio of study options is completed by a **full-time MBA** and several **Executive MBA** programmes. Bringing theory and practice together, the institutes provide important input for teaching at the University, and play a significant role in furthering the careers of young academics.

Our **80 tenured professors**, 60 assistants and junior professors, more than 300 part-time lecturers, and 300 research assistants and distinguished visiting professors cultivate the scientific discourse with our students – “universitas” in its pristine sense. HSG students not only strive for academic excellence, but also pursue extracurricular activities in more than **80 initiatives**, such as the annual St.Gallen Management Symposium or “Model WTO”, a model approach to international trade issues. This interconnection of scholarly and entrepreneurial thinking is the secret of national and international companies’ demand for our graduates. Our “Forum HSG” is one of the largest recruiting fairs in German-speaking Europe with more than 100 companies using this platform every year.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of our network consisting of more than **100 partner universities** for student exchange, including CEMS and PIM universities. Moreover, excellent students have the possibility to participate in one of our **double degree programmes** with renowned partners: Bocconi, ESADE, HEC, NTU, RSM, Sciences Po – or a CEMS Master’s in International Management.

The University of St.Gallen (HSG) offers the latest facilities and services to support individual and collaborative learning, including web-based communication platforms and wireless LAN. Our **library** contains around 350,000 bound volumes, some 1,500 journals and a growing selection of e-journals.

To keep body and mind in balance, the University provides a gymnasium, gymnastic rooms, sauna, football field, tennis, basketball and beach volleyball court. A full spectrum of **sport activities** awaits you, from aerobic to yoga. The attractive location between Lake Constance and the Alps makes St.Gallen an ideal setting for all kinds of leisure activities.

The **HSG Alumni Association** extends the HSG community to a global network with over 17,000 members, many of them staying in regular contact with the University and current students through our mentoring program.

The University of St.Gallen (HSG) profits from the optimal general conditions offered by **Switzerland**. Switzerland’s economy is based on a highly qualified labor force performing highly skilled work (banking and insurance, microtechnology, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals). Switzerland’s international reputation as a research center is beyond dispute. The high standard of universities and research institutes in Switzerland attracts many scientists and students from overseas (17.2% of all Swiss students). In addition, Switzerland offers a **high standard of living** (security, lifestyle, employability) at affordable prices. Apart from a small application and tuition fee, studying in Switzerland is free of charge. The government bears the costs within the promotion of education program as soon as students have been definitively admitted to a course at the University of St.Gallen (HSG).

Jonas von Oldenskiöld

Master of Arts HSG (M.A. HSG) in Quantitative Economics and Finance (MiQE/F)

University previously attended: Jönköping International Business School, Sweden

Degree obtained: Master in International Economics and Politics

Country of origin: Sweden

Age: 26 years

Career History

When Jonas studied for his first diploma back in Sweden he realized that quantitative methods nowadays are an essential tool in Economics. Good jobs for economists require profound knowledge of empirical research and analysis methods, and the demand for people with these skills is currently high and increasing each day.

I first came to the University of St.Gallen (HSG) as an exchange student. The University is one of the oldest business schools in Europe and even though it is small, its reputation is known far beyond the borders of Switzerland. The HSG offers ten very attractive Master's programmes. With regard to my future career goals, MiQE/F is exactly what I was looking for and it complements my previous studies perfectly.

Economics graduates typically lack a sound education in quantitative methods, whereas mathematicians and statisticians often lack the necessary background in economics or finance. MiQE/F prepares the students for careers that require a good education in economics, finance and quantitative methods, giving MiQE/F graduates a competitive advantage on the job market. Even though it is a young programme, the list of MiQE/F alumni is already very impressive. No matter whether you look at the placements in the private sector or at the academic market, you will find renowned names, such as Barclays in London or PricewaterhouseCoopers in Zurich, NYU, University of San Diego, and others.

MiQE/F is great if you want to delve deeper into the field of quantitative analysis. It uniquely combines theoretical concepts, quantitative methods and their application to practical problems. It is taught exclusively in English, in an international atmosphere with both faculty members and students coming from all over the world. I have to admit that the workload is high and the courses are demanding. On the other hand, as class size is kept small, the students profit from the personal attention by the faculty.

Another aspect which I really like about the HSG is that faculty members and students meet often informally in order to discuss further improvements and the development of the program. In fact, I am currently the student representative of the MiQE/F programme. I am a member of the programme committee, which meets at least twice per semester. So students actually have the possibility to contribute and participate in the development of the programme. This, of course, makes MiQE/F very special to me and I feel jointly responsible for it.

The University trains us to be generalists, meaning that we are encouraged to think beyond our respective field of study. Courses like Economics and Philosophy or Business Ethics broaden our minds with unexpected ideas. I am convinced that such courses help us to cope with the complexity and the increasing tempo of everyday life and the working world, as well as changing global developments.

St.Gallen is also appealing for its comparative affordability and concentrated, high quality education with the added bonus of studying in the heart of Europe, close to some of the best ski resorts. As a non-Swiss student, I pay CHF 1200 per semester in tuition fees and the average living costs in St.Gallen are roughly CHF 1500 per month. The University of St.Gallen offers a great infrastructure to support us. There are several computer labs and a well-equipped library. A Reuters trading room allows us to check the latest stock prices. On top of that the University offers a wide variety of sports activities. I am currently training for my first marathon and there are good jogging possibilities just next to the University.

Studying at the HSG is never in an "ivory tower" but always with the means to turn theory into practice. The University has strong ties with the private sector. Nearly every week there are events with business leaders or public officials. The most famous event is the annual St.Gallen Management Symposium, the world's leading neutral platform for critical and constructive debate on issues of global concern. It is organised by a committee of 25 students and attracts over 600 business and political leaders and 200 selected students from all over the world each year.

The demand for HSG graduates is high. This is demonstrated by the FORUM HSG – the official recruiting event at the University of St.Gallen. Every year more than 100 internationally operating corporations come to the HSG to get in contact with us, the future graduates. Many of my friends here at the University already signed a work contract before they even received their diploma.



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