



Digital M.Sc. & Study Program of the Digital Business School at the HfWU in Germany

Prof. Dr. Stefan Detscher – Digital Business School @ HfWU



About Us

Nürtingen-Geislingen University of Applied Sciences (HfWU)

- System-accredited state university with top rankings from WirtschaftsWoche and by CHE/ Die ZEIT in Germany
- Strong position in practice-oriented teaching and applied research with >30 full-time + >20 part-time bachelor's and master's degree courses/programs

Digital Business School at HfWU

- Experienced faculty of >10 professors and >30 expert lecturers from leading enterprises, agencies and consultancies
- Strong global organization team & own digital learning platform
- Highest ratings on evaluation portals



HfWU Academy

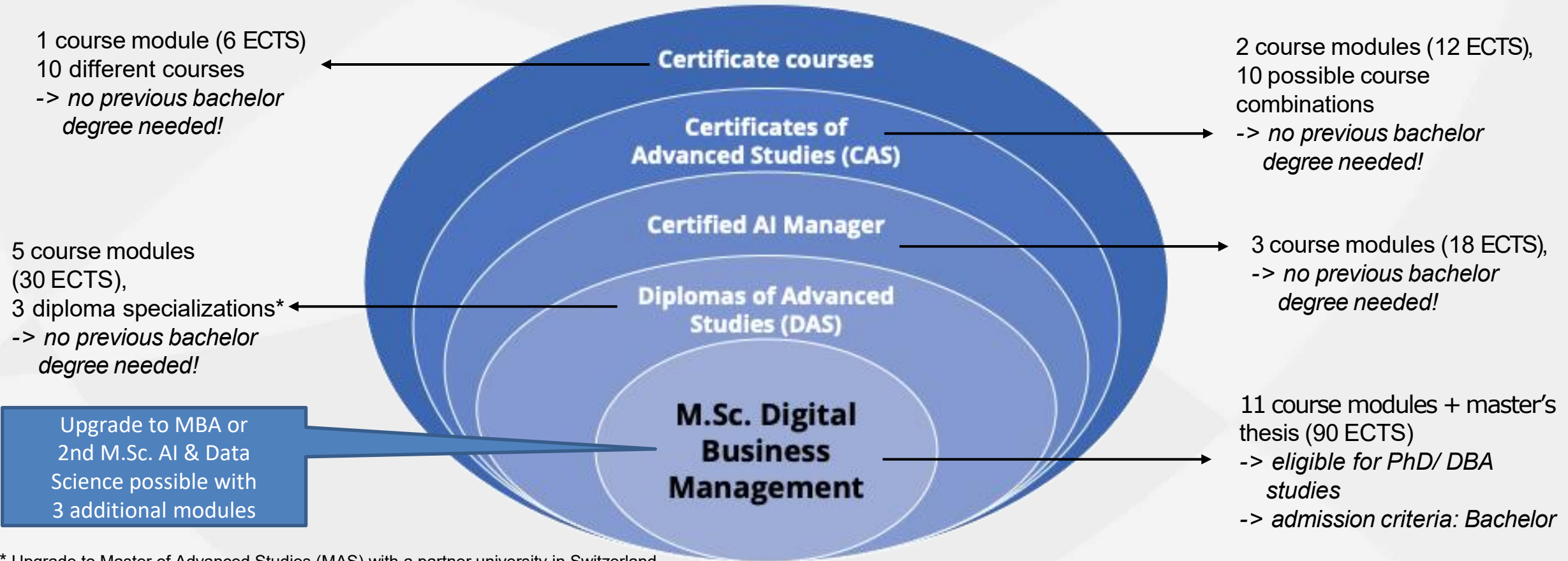
- Central competence center of the HfWU for continuing education and further education programs
- Several thousand participants and graduates for >20 years

Director Digital Business School: Prof. Dr. Stefan Detscher

- Executive director of the Digital Business Institute and director Digital Business School at HfWU
- Professor in the business administration faculty at the HfWU
- Founder/ member of the management board of/ in several (Global) tech start-ups/ companies
- Investor & advisory board in global tech start-ups, among others tado°
- Formerly internat. mgmt. consultant at Kearney & Roland Berger



Digital M.Sc. & Study Programs @ HfWU



* Upgrade to Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) with a partner university in Switzerland

Our M.Sc. Curriculum

Upgrade to MBA possible with two and M.Sc. AI & Data Science with three additional modules

Competence Areas	Course Modules (10 x 6 ECTS)	
Digital Business	Digital Business Innovation	Digital Business Planning, Steering & Valuation
AI & Analytics	AI based Customer Experience Management	Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics
Web3 & Immersive Web	Blockchain Technology & Web3 based Business Models	Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies
Digital Leadership & Transformation	Digital Leadership	Digital Transformation
Digital Marketing & Sales	Digital Marketing	Digital Sales & E-Commerce
Digital Research	Master Thesis & Seminar (24 ECTS + 6 ECTS)	
Degree: Master of Science Digital Business Management (90 ECTS)		

You have the option of selecting two elective modules from other Digital Master's programs

You can see the **module handbook** by clicking [here](#).

Competence Area: Digital Business

Digital Business Innovation



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Management of disruptive events and developments
- Lean Start-Up Approach and Business Model Canvas to understand, analyze and build digital business models.
- Value and growth drivers for digital business models
- Application of AI based innovation simulation software



Dr. Martin Handschuh:

- Founder and managing director of eco2nomy GmbH
- Founder/ venture partner e.venture consulting & VC-Investor
- Long-time A.T. Kearney Partner and head of the global A.T. Kearney B2B Sales Competence Center
- Expert for strategy, growth, digital sales & marketing
- Postdoc at Harvard University



Melanie Stütz:

- CEO von IDEASCANNER | Think smarter with AI
- Top 50 thought leaders in AI & business models
- European climate pact ambassador for Germany
- Advisory board member & expert in digital business innovation with AI



Digital Business Planning, Steering & Valuation



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Business planning for digital business models
- Performance management for digital business models
- Venture Valuation
- Evaluation of digital business models according to common evaluation methods



Oliver Würtenberger:

- Multiple positions as interim CFO at digital/start-up companies, including tado° GmbH and merolt GmbH
- Many years of experience in investment banking (e.g. at Morgan Stanley) and in private equity & venture/growth capital (e.g. at H.I.G. Capital)



Marc Flammer:

- Commercial Manager at econtech GmbH
- Co-Owner NETZhelfer GmbH
- Extensive leadership experience in corporate, mid-market and start-up environments
- Expert for digitalization & supply chain management (esp. RFID & blockchain)

Competence Area: AI & Analytics

AI Based Customer Experience Management



Learning Objectives / Course Content:

- AI-driven digital customer interfaces / Chatbots
- Developing a Customer Experience (CX) concept
- Configuring chatbots and avatars Large Language Models (LLMs) / ChatGPT
- Robotic Process Automation (RPA) & Agentic AI in marketing and sales



Prof. Andrea Spielvogel:

- Professor of Artificial Intelligence in Business Practice
- Research on responsible AI transformation and business model development (Start-ups & Citizen Developers)
- 20+ years of leadership experience in Business Innovation & Digital Transformation (including car2go, Daimler Mobility, Zühlke, ACE)



Malte Horstmann:

- Co-Founder & Managing Partner OMM Solutions GmbH
- Industry 4.0 Scout of the VDMA and the state of Baden Württemberg
- Focus: digital transformation from planning to implementation



Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Machine learning
- Forecasting
- Big data analytics (text mining, image mining)
- Predictive analytics
- CRM analytics
- Advanced Analytics Platform Training (e.g., KNIME)



Prof. Dr. Sebastian Moll:

- Professor for quantitative methods in business administration
- Head of analytics at Dymatrix
- Expert for data science and market analytics
- Many years of consulting experience in the field of CRM and marketing analytics



Dr. Stefanie Seifert:

- Head of analytics at DYMATRIX
- Consulting expert for data science & customer intelligence
- Extensive consulting experience in marketing automation and data-driven marketing



Competence Area: Web3 & Immersive Web

Blockchain Technology & Web3 based Business Models



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Digital networking/ machine learning
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Blockchain (technical basics and use cases)
- Web3 based business models



Philipp Riedlinger:

- Senior Consultant at GFT Technologies SE
- IT business analyst
- Blockchain expert
- Researcher Web3 Business models
- M.Sc. in technical cybernetics



Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Basic understanding of 3D modeling and real-time 3D
- AR/VR/MR
- Development of interactive experience on the web
- Understanding the importance of immersive web experience and interactivity / immersiveness for the user experience



Philipp Roth:

- Team leader innovation at Kaufland
- Team lead concept & design (UI-/UX-design, creative concept, creative production)
- Studied psychology and computer science (human-computer interaction)
- Expert in innovative technologies, user experience and digital transformation



Competence Area: Digital Leadership & Transformation

Digital Leadership



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Agile management & leadership
- Agile (project) management
- New work management approaches
- Use of AI based agile leadership simulation game Leaderfy



Manuel Pflumm:

- Assistant Professor at the HHN
- Founder and managing director of talentturbine GmbH
- Co-founder and managing director of the ed-tech startup Leaderfy GmbH
- Former managing director in the Indian Tata Group
- Expert in leadership & talent development, as well as agile organizational development



Digital Transformation



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Multi-level digital business model transformation
- Participatory transformation
- Change management/ intrapreneurship
- Implementation example of a team transformation and its effects



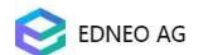
Prof. Dr. Michael Hepp:

- Professor at the HFU
- Former vice president Digital Business & Transformation, CIO and member of the executive management team at Walter AG
- Many years of experience in the field of digitization,
- Business innovation and M&A e.g. at Festo and Rolls Royce Power Systems



Prof. Dr. Stefan Remhof:

- Professor at the IU (Munich location)
- Guest lecturer at the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
- Co-Founder and CEO of the EdTech company EDNEO AG
- Managing partner of the HR company People Mobility Alliance
- Angel investor in several HR tech start-ups



Competence Area: Digital Marketing & Sales

Digital Marketing



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Digital/AI-based (international) marketing strategies & growth hacking
- Digital (global) brand building & management, online channel
- mix strategies, including AI-based (global) campaign planning and simulation
- Digital B2C and B2B brand marketing
- Development of global brand rollout concept and global campaign planning



Prof. Dr. Stefan Detscher:

- Professor for digital marketing
- Managing director Digital Business Institute at HfWU
- Managing director of the online marketing service provider RegioHelden GmbH in Stuttgart for many years
- Online Marketing & Growth Hacking Expert



Anita Brenner:

- Lead global online marketing Bosch Power Tools, business unit outdoor & garden
- Head of brandmanagement
- Head of product group DIY 'Cutting'
- Expert for brand, user communication, global campaign management online / offline, UX and product management



Digital Sales & E-Commerce



Learning Objectives/ Content:

- Digital solution, service & platform sales
- Multi-channel management
- E-commerce / e-business



Prof. Dr. Dirk Funck:

- Professor of trade and cooperation management
- Expert for multi-channel commerce & online marketplaces
- Chairman of the advisory board of the Rid Foundation for Bavarian Retail, Munich



Sonja Mechling:

- Formerly CEO Kaiser & Kraft, President Industrial & Packaging TAKKT AG
- Many years of experience in global sales & marketing functions at Schindler AG, Bosch and Heidelberger Druck, among others Founding and managing corporate start-ups such as Bosch Smart Home and Heidelberg Digital Unit
- Expert for digital transformation, customer journey, (digital) sales & marketing

Degree “Certified AI Manager”

AI Application Workshop

In this course, an AI/advanced analytics-based solution is developed for a problem from the working environment and ideally implemented as a prototype.

Qualification goals of the course:

- Recognize potential for AI applications in your own data sets and processes
- Draw up an implementation plan for AI applications
- Understand the ecosystem for AI applications
- Transfer knowledge from keynote speeches and other events into practical implementation
- Prompt & content engineering

Summer Term:

- Tuesday, 14.04.2026 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CEST)
- Tuesday, 28.04.2026 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CEST)

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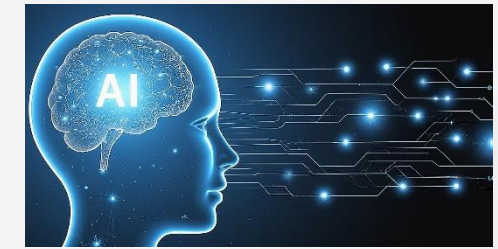
Two further courses with a strong AI focus from the curriculum

The following courses with high AI relevance are available:

- [Seminar \(Digital\) Research Methods](#)
(Starts August 26)
- [AI based Customer Experience Management](#)
(Starts from October 26)
- [Digital Business Innovation](#) (Starts October 26)
- [Blockchain Technology & Web3 based Business Models](#) (Starts from March 27)
- [Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics](#) (Starts from March 27)
- [Digital Marketing](#) (Starts from March 27)

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Certified AI Manager



- 3 Courses/ 18 ECTS
- 1-2 Semester Duration (flexibly customizable)
- Development of specialist knowledge according to Art. 4 EU AI Act
- Separate assignment as further education (EUR 1,450 (AI Application Workshop) + EUR 1,100 twice (of the two other AI-related courses) + EUR 100 one-off examination fee) or as part of the M.Sc. (1.450 EUR as an additional module/qualification)

More information can be found [here](#).

Possible optional study abroad program

Usable for
upgrade to MBA
or 2nd M.Sc.

Studying abroad is optional: courses taken at foreign universities (e.g. as part of a two-week summer program) are credited according to the ECTS system and then no longer need to be attended at our university.

Other study abroad programs can be sent to us to be checked for credit transfer. Programs that have already been checked for credit transfer are:

Universitat Central de Catalunya in Barcelona



- English-language, two-week program "[Marketing & Business 4.0](#)" in the first half of July: creditable "Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics" or "Advanced & Programmatic Digital Marketing"
- Highly experienced lecturers from the field
- Case studies, project work and company visits, cultural program in Barcelona Partner university of the HfWU

Aydin University in Istanbul



- English-language, two-week "[Integrated Marketing Communications](#)" program in the second half of July: creditable for "Digital Marketing Strategy, Branding & Campaign Management" or "Advanced & Programmatic Digital Marketing"
- "Highly experienced lecturers from the field"
- Case studies, project work and company visits, cultural supporting program
- Partner university of the HfWU

Copenhagen Business School in Copenhagen



- English-language three-week program at the renowned and top-ranked Copenhagen Business School, which has EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA accreditation as well as university status
- "[Social Entrepreneurship and Business Model Innovation](#)" can be credited towards "Digital Business Model Innovation & Entrepreneurship"

Business School IÉSEG in Paris



- English-language pre-examined programs at the renowned French business school
- "[Entrepreneurship & Innovation](#)" creditable for "Digital Business Model Innovation & Entrepreneurship"
- "[Digital Marketing](#)" creditable for "Digital Marketing Strategy, Branding & Campaign Management"

Vives University of Applied Sciences in Bruges, Belgium



- English-language, two-week program "[Innovative Entrepreneurship](#)" creditable for "Digital Business Model Innovation & Entrepreneurship"
- Focus on AI

EM Normandie Business School in Caen, France





- English-language two-week program "[Introduction to Data Analysis Using Python and ChatGPT](#)" at the end of June/beginning of July.
- Creditable for "Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics" or "Data Management & Visual Analytics"
- Application-oriented examination and open book questions

Aalto University in Helsinki



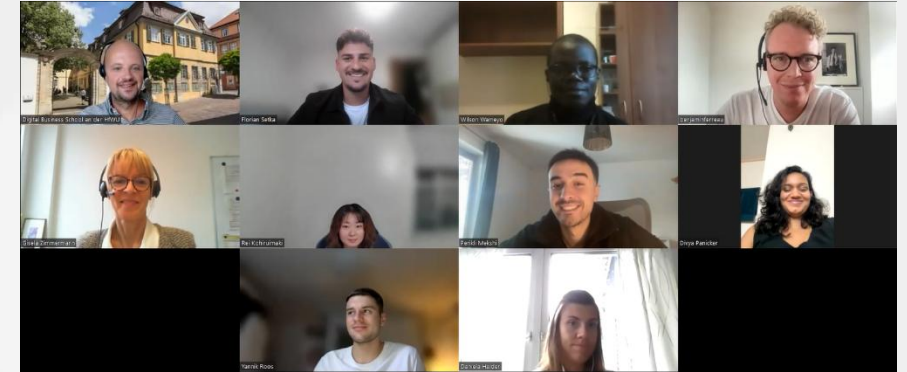
- English-language two-week "[Digital Business](#)" program in the first half of August creditable for "Digital Leadership & Agile Management"
- Project challenge with intensive coaching
- Excursions Cultural supporting program

Extra-Curricular Offerings of the Digital Business School

	Support and mentoring in the Digital MBA	
BEFORE Start of study	Information events Individual study counseling Test lectures	
WHEREAS of the study	Professional	Supra-disciplinary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Management Podcast & Talks: Podcast „Digital Management“ & Lecture/exchange evenings with exciting company representatives, other master students and master alumni: www.digital-management-talks.de → Spotify → Apple Music • Supervision by the lecturers and exchange with other students between the classroom sessions via our e-learning platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar (Digital) Research Methods – Prof. Dr. Carsten Herbes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Literature research – Empirical and qualitative research methods – Application of theories in the different fields of digital business management  • Personal Coaching (4 sessions) Munich Business Coaching Academy • Office hours/consultation opportunity: with the study program coordination/management, e.g. concerning professional development 
AFTER Degree	Alumni Initiative & Network	

Frame Conditions of the Study Program

- **Lecture periods** are usually from the **end of March** to **mid-July** and from the **end of September/ beginning of October** to the beginning of **February** (with a break over whitsun + christmas as well as on bridge days)
- Each course module comprises **synchronous live video course sessions** on **two Friday afternoons/evenings (4:15pm - 8:15pm CE(S)T)** and **two Saturdays (8:30am - 3:30pm CE(S)T)** supplemented by case study processing and self-study via our e-learning platform. Please be aware that the times shown are **Central European (Summer) Time (CE(S)T)**
- The nature of the program is **primarily online**. The lectures and examinations take place online. Few courses take place in parallel in a hybrid mode (together with our MBA courses), so that students, who live in/close to our university location (near Stuttgart/ Germany) can also join from time to time in person (if they wish). This part-time program does **not qualify** for a **visa in Germany**
- **Early registration pays off**: of the total 20 Master student places per semester, 15 are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, with the other 5 allocated at the application deadline based on final bachelor's degree grade and relevance of work experience.



Possible Degrees & Tuition/Fees

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

- 10 modules (10x 6 ECTS= 60 ECTS) + project-based master thesis and research seminar (30 ECTS) for M.Sc. (90 ECTS)
- **Duration: 4 semesters** (extendable up to 7 semesters)
- **Admission requirement:** Bachelor (180 ECTS) and at least 6 months of practical experience or Bachelor (210 ECTS)
- **Fees:** EUR 3.200 per semester (4 sem.) or EUR 535 per month (24 mon.) + one-time EUR 200 examination fee + EUR 50 processing fee (total: EUR 13.050)
- **Scholarship:** Each semester, up to three partial scholarships are awarded. A scholarship of **EUR 1,000** is possible for the M.Sc. program

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)

- Certificate of advanced studies (CAS) upon completion of 2 modules in a subarea
- **9 specializations** of the certificate of advanced studies with duration **1-3 sem.**
- **Fees:** 2x EUR 1.100 and one-time EUR 100 examination fee (total: EUR 2.300)

Certified AI Manager

- With the successful completion of the course '[AI Application Workshop](#)' and **two other courses with a strong AI connection**
- **Fees:** EUR 1.450 (AI Application Workshop) + EUR 1.100 twice (of the two other AI-related courses) + EUR 100 one-off examination fee

Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS)

- Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) upon completion of 5 modules in one subfield
- **3 specializations** of the diploma of advanced studies with duration **3 sem. / 1.5 years**
- **Fees:** 2x EUR 2.140 + 1x EUR 1.070 and one-time EUR 200 examination fee (total: 5.550€)

Certificate

- Participation in and completion of individual course modules
- Cumulating the modules to MBA or diploma possible if exam is passed
- Alternatively certificate of attendance without exam/(s fee) possible
- **Duration: 1 semester**
- **Fees:** **EUR 1.150** + EUR 100 examination fee

Upgrade to MBA / M.Sc. AI & Data Science

- MBA degree by taking 3 additional course modules **or** by taking 2 additional course modules at HfWU + a Summer School program
- **Fee:** EUR 3.250 + EUR 200 examination fee **or** EUR 2.250 + EUR 200 examination fee + Summer School program costs

Participation & examination fees are tax-deductible in many countries or can be (partially) reimbursed/ payed directly by the employer

Upgrade to MBA

Potential upgrade possible to:
M.Sc. AI & Data Science (from SoSe 26)

Core modules (for all subject areas, 42 ECTS)				
Digital Business Model Innovation & Entrepreneurship		AI Application Workshop		
Digital Technology & Law		AI & Immersive Web Based Customer Experience Management		
Digital Transformation & Sustainable Change Mgmt.		Design Thinking & User Experience Management		
Digital & AI based Product, Process & Project Management				
Specialization modules (per specialization, 30 ECTS)				
Principles of Sustainability Management	Digital Sales & E-Commerce	Digitalization of Industrial Value Chains & Innovation Management	Data Management & Visual Analytics	Digital Marketing Strategy, Branding & Campaign Mgmt.
Innovation & Entrepreneurship for Sustainability Mgmt.	Data-based B2B Business Models & Platforms		Web & People Analytics	Search Engine/ Performance Marketing & Web Analytics
Sustainability Marketing	Digital Business Planning, Steering & Valuation			Advanced & Programmatic Digital Marketing
Trend Topics Sustainability Management	Digital HR Management	Digital Controlling & AI Based Process Automation		Social Media, Content & Influencer Marketing
Digital Leadership & Agile Management		Digital Supply Chain Management	Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics	Digital Sales & E-Commerce
4th semester: Project/case study-based Master's thesis (incl. digital research seminar, 18 ECTS)				
MBA Digital & Sustainable Management	MBA Digital Business & Leadership	MBA Digital Operations Management	MBA Digital Management & Analytics	MBA Digital Marketing & Sales
+ 5 modules: e.g. AI Appl. Workshop + Summer School course in Dig. Entrepreneurship + 3 regular MBA courses	+ 3 modules: e.g. AI Appl. Workshop + Summer School course in Dig. Entrepreneurship + 1 regular MBA course	+ 5 modules: e.g. AI Appl. Workshop + Summer School course in Dig. Entrepreneurship + 3 regular MBA courses	+ 4 modules: e.g. AI Appl. Workshop + Summer School course in Dig. Entrepreneurship + 2 regular MBA courses	+ 3 modules: e.g. AI Appl. Workshop + Summer School course in Dig. Entrepreneurship + 1 regular MBA course

Upgrade from M.Sc. to MBA is especially possible to MBA Dig. Bus. & Leadership and MBA Dig. Mark. & Sales with just 3 additional modules
 = EUR 3.250 + EUR 200 examination fee

= can be credited for M.Sc. modules

2nd M.Sc. Degree: M.Sc. AI & Data Science

<i>Competence Areas</i>	<i>Course Modules (10 x 6 ECTS)</i>	
AI & Digital Technologies	AI/ Digital Technology & Law	AI Application Workshop
AI in Business	AI Based Customer Experience Management	Digital Controlling, Business Analytics & Robotic Process Automation
Data Management & Methods	Data Modeling for AI	Data Management & Visual Analytics
Analytics Application	Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics	Web & People Analytics
Digital Management	Digital Business Management Elective I	Digital Business Management Elective II
Digital Quantitative Research	Master Thesis & Digital Quantitative Research Seminar (24 ECTS + 6 ECTS)	
Degree: Master of Science Artificial Intelligence & Data Science (90 ECTS)		

2nd M.Sc. degree „M.Sc. AI & Data Science“ with just **3 additional modules**
 = EUR 3.250 + EUR 200 examination fee
 + Certified AI Manager

= can be credited for M.Sc. Dig. Bus. Mgmt. modules

Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS)

Target Group	Innovation Management. Digital Strategy, Transformation	R&D, IT (Project) Management, Technology Management	Online Marketing, Web & Content Creation, E-Commerce
	↓	↓	↓
DAS	Digital Business Leadership*	Digital Technology Mgmt.*	AI & Web3 based Customer Experience Mgmt.*
Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) <small>(5 courses each, usually over 3 semesters, 30 ECTS; enrollment in one foreign module possible)</small>	Digital Business Innovation		
	Digital Business Planning, Steering & Valuation	Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics	Digital Marketing
	Digital Transformation	AI Based Customer Experience Management	
	Blockchain Technology & Web3 based Business Models		Digital Sales & E-Commerce
	Digital Leadership	Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies	
	Completion of further 6 course modules + preparation of a Master's thesis as a combined degree program leads to the		
M.Sc.	Digital Business Management		

* Upgrade to Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) with a partner university in Switzerland

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)

Target Group	(Digital)Strategy/ (Digital)Consultant	Digitalisation Technology interested professionals from various specialist areas	Product-Strategy, Mgmt. & - Marketing/ Innovations-Mgmt./	Sales/ Channel Mgmt./ CRM/ Customer Service/ Cust. Exp. Mgmt.	Digital Marketing/ Brand Mgmt./ Commun., E-Commerce, Online Marketing Agencies	
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) (2 courses each, usually over 1-3 semesters, 12 ECTS, 1 freely selected course possible)	Digital Strategy & Leadership Digital Transformation Digital Leadership	Web3 Based Digital Mgmt. Blockchain Technology & Web3 based Business Models Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies	AI & Immersive Web based Experience Mgmt. AI Based Customer Experience Mgmt. Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies	Dig. Customer & Sales Strategy AI Based Customer Experience Mgmt. Digital Sales & E-Commerce	Immersive Digital Marketing Digital Marketing Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies	
	Digital Business Innovation & Planning Digital Business Innovation Digital Business Planning, Steering & Valuation	AI Based Digital Management Machine Learning & Big Data Analytics AI Based Customer Experience Mgmt.	Digital Marketing & Cust. Mgmt. Digital Marketing AI Based Customer Experience Mgmt.	Immersive Digital Sales Mgmt. Digital Sales & E-Commerce Immersive Web & 3D-Technologies	Digital Marketing & Sales Strategy Digital Marketing Digital Sales & E-Commerce	
	Completion of further 3 course modules leads to the					
	DAS	Digital Business Leadership	Digital Technology Mgmt.	AI & Web 3 based Customer Experience Mgmt.		

Overview Start Dates and Registration Deadlines Next Semesters

One-month
Trial Study

Course/ Program	Start date	Registration deadline
Winter semester 2026/27		
Master of Science Digital Business Management (M.Sc.)	October 2026	31.08.26, registration at www.hfwu.com/dbx-msc/
Diploma of Advanced Studies (3 specializations)	September to November 2026	Two weeks before the start of each course -> individual start dates per course see under: https://www.hfwu.com/dbx-cert/
Certified AI Manager / Certificate of Advanced Studies (10 specializations)		
Course modules of the M.Sc. as certificate courses		
Summer semester 2027		
Master of Science Digital Business Management (M.Sc.)	March 2027	Registration at www.hfwu.com/dbx-msc/
Diploma of Advanced Studies (3 specializations)	March / April 2027	Two weeks before the start of each course -> individual start dates per course see under: https://www.hfwu.com/dbx-cert/
Certified AI Manager / Certificate of Advanced Studies (10 specializations)		
Course modules of the M.Sc. as certificate courses		

When applying with a **Bachelor's degree from a foreign / non-German university**, the **recognition procedure** of the Studienkolleg Konstanz, which is standardized for Baden-Württemberg, must first be **completed**:

<https://www.htwg-konstanz.de/en/academics/center-for-international-students-konstanz/recognition-of-certificates/procedure>

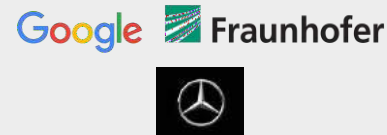
USPs of the Digital Business School at HfWU Germany

1. System-accredited state-run Nürtingen-Geislingen University of Applied Sciences with top rankings from WirtschaftsWoche and from CHE/ Die ZEIT



2. Innovative topic areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain, cybersecurity, internet of things and industry 4.0/5.0, as well as lean startup approach and growth hacking -> Offer of an [AI Application Seminar](#)

3. Highly qualified faculty with >10 professors and >30 lecturers from the field at the level of (former) business managers/board members, division managers, senior advisors & entrepreneurs; Lecturers from, among others:



4. Unique strongly application-oriented part-time study program with a strong research background through the [Digital Business Institute](#) and numerous publications



5. Effective blended learning approach with class room sessions and e-learning phases



6. Focus on project-based student research and master thesis for highest possible practical relevance (incl. research seminar)

7. Completely modular structure from individual certificate to diploma of advanced studies to M.Sc. incl. doctoral authorisation/possibility of a doctorate

8. Possible participation in renowned International Summer Schools



9. Career entry into a (partner) company parallel to studies



10. Personal competence development program + life-long learning between participants, alumni and lecturers

Contact

Study Program Director



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Thank you for your attention!



Your questions?



Appendix

Further information on the
Digital M.Sc. & study program



Professional Development through our M.Sc. & Study Program

- After completing your diploma or M.Sc., you will be ideally prepared for challenging tasks in interdisciplinary (project) teams.
- You will help shape digital business models, drive digital transformation and will be able to reflect on the limits and possibilities of using technological solutions.
- Within the team, you will represent the business side, but will be able to understand and assess the positions of other departments.



Typical positions are:

- Manager, consultant or expert in transformation/innovation projects
- Head/ consultant in (specialist) departments for the implementation of digitalization strategies
- Assistant to the board of directors/ management
- Digital product/ process/ project manager
- Online marketing/social media manager
- E-commerce/ CRM expert
- Data analyst
- much more

Top 5 Reasons for Support of Employers of Part-Time Students

1. **What benefits does the Digital Master of Science and study program bring to the company?**

Show how the most important challenges of your company/area can be mastered through the study content of your planned part-time study program with newly acquired knowledge and skills in the areas of digital management. You can apply newly acquired skills and specialist knowledge directly at work for the benefit of the company and even work on "real" problems / projects of the company with expert input from the lecturers as part of your studies, which would otherwise require "expensive" external service providers / new hires.

2. **How does the program fit in with the company's requirements for me as an employee?**

The course dates usually take place on Fridays from 4:15 pm and Saturdays – completely online. This means that you can go about your job as usual during the week and are available for appointments. The burden of exams is also spread over the semester / year, as there is no "concentrated" exam period. Explain how you envisage your professional development and how you plan to develop during the course so that you can become a specialist/manager with valuable know-how for the company, especially in the digital sector.

Top 5 Reasons for Support of Employers of Part-Time Students

3. What support is already available in the company for part-time study?

Your company may already have a list of programs that colleagues have participated in to further their education in other subject areas. Find out why these providers were chosen and how much financial and time support was provided by the company for the participating employees. Your company may have to make a new decision in favor of the Nürtingen-Geislingen University - you are welcome to contact us if further information is required.

4. Why do you want to continue your education at Nürtingen-Geislingen University?

Show your employer that the program you have chosen will bring value to the company, especially through your development. Refer to the USPs of the master of science program of the presentation.

5. Who typically makes the decision in the company regarding part-time study?

It is often not just you and your line manager who are part of the decision-making process. Be prepared for the fact that other contacts, such as the HR department, other department heads or even the management, are also involved in the decision-making process and need different information.

Statements from our Master Students

""The program truly enables collaborative teamwork in group projects, engaging in-class discussions, and interactions with peers, all guided by market-savvy professors who bring real-world expertise. Being part of this environment has significantly strengthened my analytical and strategic skills so far, while also building confidence to succeed in the evolving landscape of digital business.""



Divya Panicker:

- Business Development Associate at ComfNet Solutions GmbH
- First degree: Diplom Oecotrophologin, University of Applied Science Fulda

"The M.Sc. Digital Business Management program is already providing me with valuable skills for the digital transformation of companies and in the critical areas of data digitalization and Artificial Intelligence. I am genuinely impressed by the program's forward-thinking curriculum and the engaging faculty who bring real-world expertise into the classroom."



Asad Mehmood:

- Current position: Global Lead | Cloud, Digitalization, Data Architecture and Operations at Daimler Truck Financial Services GmbH
- First degree: B.E. Computer Engineering

"Studying the MSc Digital Business Management was a great decision — the program is highly practical and aligned with today's evolving, tech-driven business landscape. The modules are digitally focused and taught by industry-experienced professors, making it ideal for anyone looking to stay ahead in a world shaped by AI and automation."



Wilson Wameyo:

- current position: Technical Support Specialist | GetAround Krakow
- First degree: B.A. International Relations And Area Studies

System Accreditation & Quality Management

- The **HfWU** has successfully completed the internationally recognized system accreditation by the Accreditation Council and is therefore AQAS certified.
- The **Digital Business Management M.Sc. program** has successfully completed all stages of this quality assurance system in accordance with the relevant specifications and is **accredited** on this basis.
- The program is subject to continuous and systematic **quality monitoring**.
- The **further development** of the program is supported and ensured by an advisory board made up of top-class representatives from academia and practice.
- Complete **evaluation of all courses** and all lecturers by students on the Digital MBA program with consistently very good evaluation averages.

Akkreditierungsurkunde

Interne Akkreditierung

Gemäß der Satzung der Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt Nürtingen-Geislingen zur Regelung der Umsetzung des Qualitätsmanagements im Bereich Studium und Lehre vom 22. Juni 2020 (§ 3 Abs. 7) sowie der 2. Änderungssatzung vom 01. Februar 2022 spricht das Rektorat der HfWU

dem Studienprogramm

Digital Business Management (M.Sc.)

auf Basis

des Qualitätssicherungsgesprächs vom 06.12.2023
Sowie der hierzu vorgelegten Unterlagen (Entwurf EPO, Entwurf Modulhandbuch,
Dokumentation zur Einrichtung eines neuen Studienprogramms, vorläufiges Qualitätsportfolio,
Protokoll der letzten Fachbeiratssitzung)

die interne Akkreditierung **bis zum 28.02.2027** aus.



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Steffen Vietz



Entrepreneur in retail and technology consulting, formerly Airbus

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Trial Study

We offer the opportunity to get to know the Master of Science in Digital Business Management for one month without obligation and free of charge. You can take part in the first four lecture weekends of the first semester.

The costs only become due when you actually decide to study afterwards.

The registration form can be found [here](#).

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