

## **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

Number of places: 1 Full year (2 one-semester)

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## The University



WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management  
Burgplatz 2, 56179 Vallendar.  
Germany

### [Website](#)

### [Modules](#)

The School is supported by the WHU Foundation, an organisation of industry sponsors, and the School is well-known for its corporate links. The School is ranked as a top business school in Germany.

As well as Bachelor and Master programmes, WHU runs a highly regarded joint executive MBA with the Kellogg School of Management in the USA.

Teaching is carried out in both German and English depending on your degree requirements. The majority of elective courses for the Bachelor of Science are offered in English. 95% of Masters' courses are taught in English, and the MBA is taught entirely in English. Class sizes are between 10-90 students. Class format is mainly lectures, seminars and exercises. WHU operates from a self-contained campus in Vallendar. The main WHU building is known as the Marienburg, and the lecture halls are centrally located around a central square, the Burgplatz.

### [What it is like to study at WHU](#)

## Location

**WHU\* Otto Beisheim School of Management** is situated in Vallendar a small city near Koblenz. WHU is a private management school founded in 1984, and was the first German university to receive EQUIS (European Quality Information System) accreditation.



**Vallendar** has around 10,000 inhabitants, and is situated on the right bank of the River Rhine, approximately six kilometres from Koblenz. It is about one hour by train from Frankfurt (Main) and Cologne/Bonn Airports.

## Semester/key dates

Semester 1: beginning of September – end December

Semester 2: early January – end of April

## Compulsory orientation sessions:

Fall semester: end of August/first week in September
Spring semester: first week in January
Each semester is divided into two modules:
Fall Semester: Module 1 (beginning of September to end of October); Module 2 (end of October to end of December)
Spring semester: Module 1 (beginning of January to end of February); Module 2 (beginning of March to end of April)

## [Academic Calendar](#)

## [Courses Available](#)

Click on “Bachelor of Science” and then on the relevant semester.

**Workload** 30 ECTS credits per semester (generally 7-9 courses per semester)

## Living in Germany

- **Additional Information**

A copy of the booklet "Information for Exchange Students" can be downloaded from the website

- **Vallendar Integration Programme (VIP)**

The VIP is a student-led initiative which aims to integrate exchange students into the student community at WHU. It organizes welcoming activities and trips to various locations and events. Exchange students are allocated a VIP "buddy" who can help with finding accommodation and other practical issues, as well as applying for an internship or job in Germany.

- **Internships (Work Placements)**

The WHU Careers Service supports exchange students in finding an internship. It organizes company presentations with WHU sponsors, as well as an annual careers day. The Careers Service also produces a weekly newsletter with internship offers, and information about WHU sponsors. It helps if you can speak some German.

- **In Praxi – WHU Alumni Association**

After studying as an exchange student at WHU it is possible to join the global alumni network, In Praxi e.V, which offers the opportunity of keeping in touch with all WHU students (including exchange students) and developing a worldwide professional network.

- **Accommodation**

Various options for accommodation in Vallendar are listed on the WHU [website](#).

Accommodation is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The deadline for applying for the autumn is the beginning of July, and for the Spring no later than mid-November.

Exchange students are given assistance in finding accommodation before they arrive, and may also have the help of a WHU “buddy” (see “Additional Information” below).

- **Living Costs**

Accommodation: between €250 and €400

Food: Approximately €200

Local transport to Koblenz: €70

Mobile phone: approximately €50

Health insurance (mandatory for medical expenses and emergencies): approximately €65, if acquired in Germany

Miscellaneous (leisure activities, etc.): €300

- **GEZ-fees (Radio and TV licence fee)**

- Radio 5,76€ / month
- Television 17,98€ / month
- Radio and television 17,98€ / month

Information regarding GEZ („Gebühreneinzugszentrale“): in Germany exists a legal fee for owners of radios and televisions. This means that every person owning a radio or television has to pay a monthly fee to GEZ, also if these equipments are never or seldom in use! Further information about GEZ: liability to charge and remission (information in German only).

## Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

## Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to WHU, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Germany. For further information, please see the website of the [German Embassy](#) in London.

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