Danube University Krems specializes in part-time academic continuing education. As a public university for continuing education, it works with its expertise in teaching and research to overcome societal challenges and tailors its study programs to address them. The master programs and short programs cover nine fields of study and meet the specific requirements of working professionals. With 8,000 students coming from 85 countries, Danube University Krems combines its many years of experience in university-based continuing education with innovation to provide outstanding quality in research and teaching at an international level. The university holds the AQ Austria quality seal. Situated 80 km from Vienna in the alluring world heritage region Wachau, Campus Krems is a highly attractive location.

Personal Advice and Application

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Master in Business Administration

2 semesters full-time, 3 semesters part-time

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General Management Modules

- Fundamentals of Management (online)
  - General Management
  - Accounting
  - Cost Accounting

- Business Analytics & Research Methods (online)
  - Economics
  - Business Mathematics and Statistics
  - Research Methods

- Controlling & Reporting
  - Concept of a Budget Compilation and/or a Planning Cycle
  - Applied Controlling
  - Profit Plan, Finance Plan, Liquidity Plan
  - Budgeted Balance Sheet
  - Concept of Profit- and a Liquidity Plan
  - Ratios

- Corporate Financial Management
  - Financial Statement Analysis and Financial Planning
  - Capital Structure
  - Valuation of Future Cash Flows
  - Mergers and Acquisitions

- Strategic Management
  - Introducing Strategy and the Global Context
  - Strategic Analysis in a Global Competitive Context: The Market-based View
  - Resources and Capabilities: The Resource-based View
  - The Balanced Scorecard as a Strategy Tool
  - Blue Ocean Strategy

- Marketing Management
  - Strategic Marketing
  - Differentiation and Positioning
  - Brand, Pricing Strategies, Marketing Channels, and Communication Strategy

- Fundamentals of Economics (Managerial Economics)
  - Describing and Analyzing Data
  - Probability and Estimated Values
  - Description of Distributions
  - Qualitative Research Methods

- Business Ethics
  - Ethics and Social Critique
  - Ethics and Globalization
  - Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility
  - Ethical Conduct and Management

- Managing People
  - HRM as a Fundamental Business Function
  - Different Roles of HR and Crucial HR Functions: Recruiting and Developing the Right People
  - Feedback, Criticisms, Severance Talks
  - Personnel Development Tools: Application and Reflection

- Knowledge Management & Innovation
  - Basics related to Knowledge Society, Knowledge Management Concepts and Models
  - The Learning Organization, Core Competences
  - Actions in knowledge-based Organizations, Knowledge Work and Practice
  - Innovation Management: Types, Forms and Sources of Innovation
  - Organization of Innovation Management
  - Technology-based Innovations: Open Innovation

- Transformative Management
  - Transformation Drivers Transformation Strategy
  - Business Model Perspective on Innovation and Transformation
  - Leading Transformation

- International Business
  - Drivers of Market Globalization, Motives for International Expansion
  - Risks and Challenges of International Business
  - Cross-Cultural Management
  - Dynamics of Global Markets and Internationalization of a Firm’s Value Chain

- Leadership
  - Motivation of People at Work, Engagement, Commitment
  - Leadership Theories, Leadership Success
  - Contemporary and Dysfunctional Leadership Theories/Styles
  - Group Dynamics and Interaction with Others

- Managing Complexity & Project Management
  - Introduction to complex systems theory of organizations
  - Dynamics and interactions of complex systems
  - Scenarios, paradigms, and trends
  - Managing complex systems and decision making
  - Project management

- Target Group
  - University graduates holding a non-economic degree who want to enhance their employment and career prospects.

- Admission Requirements
  - The following requirements must be fulfilled for admission on the Master in Business Administration program:
    - A completed domestic or equivalent foreign university course in any branch of study with at least 240 ECTS, or a domestic or equivalent foreign Bachelor’s degree in any branch of study and continuing studies to a total of min 240 ECTS; or
    - A completed domestic or equivalent foreign university course in any branch of study and continuing studies to a total of min 210 ECTS and one year of professional experience in the relevant field; or
    - A completed domestic or equivalent foreign university course in any branch of study and continuing studies to a total of min 180 ECTS and two years of professional experience in the relevant field.
  - Furthermore, the following online subjects offered by the Department for Management and Economics must be successfully completed:
    - Fundamentals of Management
    - Fundamentals of Analytics and Economics
    - Passing the Inbound Test as a prerequisite for the learning outcomes after completing the studies (Outbound Test).

- Application
  - Please send by Email:
    - Application form
    - European CV
    - Letter of Intent
    - Copies of your credentials
    - Copy of your passport

- Personal Interview
  - After evaluation of the application documents you will be invited for an application interview (by personal appearance, phone or Skype).

- Languages
  - German and/or English

- Start
  - Rolling Admission

- Degree
  - Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- Duration
  - 2 semesters full-time, 3 semesters part-time

- ECTS Points
  - 60 ECTS

International Students

Information on entry, residence and admission: www.donau-uni.ac.at/dbs/internationalstudents

Master’s Thesis

The program concludes with writing and defending a master’s thesis on a business-related and practice-oriented topic, in accordance with academic criteria and applying knowledge gained through attending the program.

Study Trips

Danube Business School offers study trips to several destinations: Shanghai, Boulder Colorado, Vancouver

The study trips to Shanghai and Boulder Colorado are equivalent for a half core module, the Vancouver study trip represents an entire module. (The participation in a study trip has to be set in the learning agreement prior to the start of the program.)

Program Structure

- Business Fundamentals (Online)
- Acceptance
- 6 Modules General Management
- Master’s Thesis
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)