

Degree: Master of Science (M.Sc.)

# Digital Technologies & Management



The intelligent connection of IT and business management systems enable more flexible, individual and more efficient production as well as the optimisation of the entire value chain.

The core elements of Industry 4.0 are automation, standardisation, digitalisation, networking and the integration of hardware and software. Specialised experts with business management know-how and comprehensive skills in key technologies are required for the implementation. The “Digital Technologies & Management” Master’s degree programme at FOM University of Applied Sciences prepares students for demanding positions by combining business and management knowledge with expertise in digital transformation.

**The Master’s programme “Digital Technologies & Management” is taught entirely in English and will be completed with the academic degree Master of Science (M.Sc.).**

## Support for all issues relating to your study

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More information  
on the degree programme



## Location

Essen

## Duration

4 Semester including thesis

## Credit Points

120 ECTS

## Accreditation

FOM University of Applied Sciences is accredited by the German Council of Science and Humanities and was the first private university in Germany to be system-accredited by FIBAA in 2012. This means that all FOM degree programmes are state and internationally recognised.

## Total fee

€23,850

(including examination fee and  
immatriculation fee)

## Your career prospects

[You can take on the following jobs:](#)

Industrial Engineer  
Production Engineer  
Technical project manager  
Quality Officer/Manager  
Project Manager  
Operations Manager  
Consultant

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	4 <sup>th</sup> semester
<b>Decision Focused Management (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional decision theory</li> <li>Management decisions from a psychological perspective</li> <li>Decisions in a strategy context</li> </ul>	<b>Artificial Intelligence (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the AI and essential concepts</li> <li>Agents</li> <li>Knowledge-based systems</li> <li>Logics</li> <li>Machine learning and data mining</li> </ul>	<b>Ethics &amp; Law (5 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basics of Data Protection Law and Practical Application</li> <li>Identifying Sensitive Data and Developing Solutions</li> <li>Ethics and Compliance in Big Data Analysis</li> <li>Data Protection as a Business Opportunity</li> </ul>	<b>Master's Thesis and Colloquium/Defence (25 CP)</b>
<b>Information Systems in Production (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product development systems</li> <li>Production planning systems</li> <li>Production management systems</li> <li>Case Study</li> </ul>	<b>Smart Technologies within the Value Chain (7 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry 4.0 technologies within individual business processes of a manufacturing company (production IT, big data analytics, internet of things, artificial intelligence)</li> <li>Industry 4.0 technologies within individual business process sections</li> <li>Data security</li> <li>Impacts and effects of Industry 4.0</li> </ul>	<b>Digital Factory &amp; Cyber-Physical Systems (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basics of cyber-physical production systems</li> <li>Fundamentals and application of robotics</li> <li>Fundamentals and classification of additive manufacturing</li> <li>Sustainability and ethical aspects in the context of smart production</li> </ul>	<b>Applied Project II (6 CP)</b>
<b>Big Data Analytics (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data sources and data classification</li> <li>Visual analytics/data discovery/explorative data analysis</li> <li>AI methods such as machine learning</li> <li>Computational intelligence: fuzzy logic, neuronal networks, evolutionary algorithms</li> </ul>	<b>Organisational Transformation &amp; Business Model Innovation (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of Digitalisation on Business Models and Organisational Development</li> <li>Promoting Soft Factors: Innovation, Corporate Culture, and Leadership</li> <li>Managing Change Projects: Importance of Corporate Culture and Ethics</li> <li>Applying Design Thinking to Define Problems and Solutions</li> <li>Analysing and Describing Digital Business Models Using the Business Model Canvas</li> </ul>	<b>Technology &amp; Sustainability (5 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of different actors in sustainable development</li> <li>Sustainability assessment of products, services and processes</li> <li>Technology transfer as an instrument of sustainable development</li> <li>Sustainability relevant fields of technology</li> </ul>	<b>Academic degree: Master of Science (M.Sc.)</b>
<b>Research Methods in STEM (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialisation and its connection to the broader research field</li> <li>Developing and applying a research design for academic projects</li> <li>Research methods in STEM: types, applications, and evaluation</li> <li>Selecting and defending research methods for specific problems</li> </ul>	<b>Connectivity, Cloud Computing &amp; Internet of Things (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connectivity (e.g. networking, mobile radio, mobile devices)</li> <li>Cloud Computing (architecture, service concepts, intersection Big-Data and AI)</li> <li>Sensor system (e.g. temperature sensors, position and acceleration sensors, pressure sensors)</li> <li>Intelligent Things</li> <li>Technology concepts of modern digitalisation</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Architecture Management (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>summary EAM</li> <li>organizational anchoring of EAM</li> <li>business and IT-strategy</li> <li>IT systems and IT architecture</li> <li>EAM tools</li> </ul>	
<b>Deutsch (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamentals in listening, reading, writing and speaking</li> <li>Basic grammatical skills</li> <li>Application in situations of everyday life</li> </ul>	<b>Information Security (6 CP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical basis</li> <li>Threats and risks</li> <li>threat prevention</li> <li>ISMS</li> </ul>	<b>Applied Project I (6 CP)</b>	