

Bachelor and now Master?

These four reasons outline the advantages of pursuing a Master's degree after obtaining your Bachelor's.

HIGHER LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE

In your Bachelor's degree, you learned the fundamentals of your subject and worked on your first projects. But things only get really exciting with a Master's degree. Here you have the chance to focus on a specific avenue and explore its potential and possible applications in your field. You will also get to know students from other courses and schools in interdisciplinary projects, thereby widening your horizons.

You can find a list of all Master's courses at TUM here:

www.tum.de/en/studies/application/master

The TUM Master's Days, held every year in spring, provide information on all topics revolving around Master's degrees: www.tum.de/en/studies/during-your-studies/starting-your-studies/masters-fair

You can arrange a personal, individual appointment with TUM's General Student Advice service all year round:

www.tum.de/en/studies/support-and-advice/support-during-studies/studentadvising

A Master's degree yes, but not right now?

If you're not sure after your Bachelor's degree if you want to add on a Master's degree, a gap year or initial professional employment may be a solution. Ideally, you should spend your time engaged in activities that add further skills to your profile such as a period abroad or initial work experience in your sector of choice.

TUM also offers further education in the form of Master's degree programs which can be attended on a part-time basis.

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MORE EXPERIENCE

Your Bachelor's degree program is usually highly structured and often only offers leeway for mandatory internships. When studying for a Master's degree, on the other hand, there are more opportunities available to you. Many students use their Master's to take advantage of stimulating internships, participate in student projects or become a working student for a lengthy period in parallel to their studies. In this way, you can gain your first professional experience and familiarize yourself with the employment market. What do you enjoy doing? What tasks are you particularly interested in? This will give you invaluable knowledge which will help you decide what career path to follow. A period spent abroad, e.g. with Erasmus, is another option to gain the international experience highly appreciated by many employers:

www.international.tum.de/global/erasmusstudium

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GREATER CHANCES OF MANAGERIAL POSITIONS

The likelihood of reaching a managerial position later in your professional life increases if you have a Master's degree. Your higher level of knowledge and technical specialization resulting from your Master's degree as well as your additional experience gained as a working student and in student projects will qualify you for such a role. Thanks to your professional expertise, you may be allowed to assume responsibility for complex projects at an earlier stage, which will qualify you additionally for a managerial position.

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HIGHER SALARY

Once you have your Master's degree, companies will reward this achievement from the outset. Graduates with a Master's degree generally receive higher salaries than fellow students with a Bachelor's degree. Your salary will rise even further due to the fact that as a Master's graduate you often will be assigned responsible tasks or even management positions. Consequently, throughout your career, your salary will often be higher than the salaries of your fellow students with Bachelor's degrees.