

» Workload

How much work does the MCA course involve?

The MCA course seeks to balance academic and workplace demands. Thereby, it ensures the workload of the course is realistic.

Tasks for phase 1 (14 months)

- › **Online lectures:** three Saturdays each month. Participants are also given sufficient time to prepare for lectures and exams. August is a lecture-free month.
- › **Exams:** three hours in total and held after each module (in practice, every other month).
- › **Extended essay:** after Module 5, participants have 6 weeks to write an essay on a compliance and/or export control topic of their choice.
- › **Transfer project and presentation:** parallel to the lectures, participants use the knowledge acquired to carry out a project at their workplace. At the end of the lecture phase, participants describe their project in a 45 minute presentation.

Tasks for phase 2 (7 months)

- › Research and write the **master's thesis**

Monthly workload

Time frame	Modules	Total hours		Monthly workload	ECTS points
		Lectures	Self-study		
Phase 1: 14 months	Modules 1-5	250	500	54 hours	30
	Transfer project & report	Carried out at place of work (250 hours)		18 hours	10
Phase 2: 7 months	Master's thesis		500	83 hours	20
Total					
21 months		1.500			60

Assuming there are 45 working weeks per year, the approximate weekly workload is:

- › 15 hours for lectures and exams
- › 5 hours for the transfer project
- › 20 hours for the master's thesis