**Course Descriptor**

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| Title of the course | **Research Seminar** | | |
| Title of the Academic Programme | Master’s program, “Finance” | | |
| Type of the course | Mandatory | | |
| Prerequisites | Research Seminar, Year 1 | | |
| ECTS workload | 6 | | |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study | Total |
| 64 | 164 | 228 |
| Course Overview | The objective of this course is to help students prepare to write their master’s thesis.  This course consists of an introductory lecture that focuses on (1) certain issues related to research and (2) relevant academic research articles.  In the rest of the course, students will (1) begin to work on their master’s thesis, (2) receive feedback on their work, and (3) give feedback to another student on the master’s thesis of this other student. | | |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | Upon completing this course, students should be able to do the following:   1. to plan and begin to perform an independent research project in the area of finance 2. to select and apply appropriate theories within finance to use for a research project 3. to select and apply appropriate research methods to use for a research project 4. to make a clear, concise presentation of their research (i.e., the preliminary version of their master’s thesis) | | |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | The course will start the introductory lecture discussed in “Course Overview.”  Thereafter, students will work on, present, and receive feedback on their own research (i.e., their master’s thesis). In addition, for one of the tasks in this course, students will give feedback to another student on this other student’s own research. | | |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory  Documents posted on LMS  Academic research articles posted on LMS  Optional  Roberts, Carol M. (2010). The Dissertation Journey: A Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Writing, and Defending Your Dissertation.  Certain academic research articles posted on LMS | | |
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