**Course Descriptor**

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| Title of the course | **Research seminar** | | |
| Title of the Academic Programme | Master’s programme, “Finance” | | |
| Type of the course | Mandatory | | |
| Prerequisites | No | | |
| ECTS workload | 7 | | |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study | Total |
| 120 | 146 | 266 |
| Course Overview | Research seminar for the 1st year Masters in Finance is aimed at the development of students’ research abilities in the broad area of finance, as at the development of academic writing and presentation skills. It consists of four modules.  Module 1, «Research Methods in Economics and Finance”», aims at the expanding of students’ knowledge on research philosophy and methods, with the focus on research in economics and finance.  Module 2, «Academic Writing”, pursues the development of written communication skills as necessary part of academic career development. These skills include papers planning, structuring, writing and formatting.  Module 3, «Models of Financial Analytics and Management», has as a general objective the development of special research methodologies in finance.  Module 4, “Soft skills development for research”, is devoted to the development of such skills as team-building and team-working, cross-cultural communications, and time-management. | | |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | **Know:**  major areas of studies in finance and the spheres of their implications;  key principles and approach to performing research in economic socio-economic studies;  modern methods of empirical studies in finance;  main requirements to academic writing;  **Be able to:**  Formulate the topic, research question and objectives of their research;  develop the research programme;  choose appropriate methods, modify existing approach or develop new approaches to solve research problems;  develop logical and analytical models and create research framework and design;  find and formulate good topics in finance;  argue their research;  structure papers according to the principles of academic writing;  use appropriate language constructions;  use different sources, including Internet-based sources, for their search of information;  **Demonstrate skills of:**  independent logical and critical thinking;  good timing of their research;  data analysis and processing;  efficient information search;  using computer systems of information management (EndNote etc.);  appropriate citing;  research results presentation;  team work | | |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | Seminars, group discussions and presentations, team working, home assignments, library sessions, guest lectures and workshops | | |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory: No  Optional  The list of related papers is provided by the course instructor additionally | | |
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