

Valid for 2023.FS

Module Name: Master Thesis	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.MTAC-M13.21HS
Module Description	By completing a Master's thesis, students demonstrate their ability to deal with a demanding specialist problem within a given time frame and do so independently and in a manner that is scientifically sound, appropriate, and solution-oriented. Ideally, students will choose their own topic.
Program and Specialization	Accounting and Controlling
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in Accounting and Controlling dated 10.12.2015, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in Accounting and Controlling, first adopted on 26.01.2016
Module Category	Module Type: Compulsory
ECTS	15
Organizational Unit	W Institut für Financial Management (IFI)
Module Coordinator	Ursina Hüppin (huep)
Deputy Module Coordinator	Andreas Buchs (bucd)
Prerequisite Knowledge	Prerequisites are the methodical and technical skills acquired up to the Master's thesis in the MSc in Accounting and Controlling. The relevance of each module varies depending on the topic of the Master's thesis. Statistical and econometric knowledge, the processing and research of scientific literature, as well as a systematic approach are prerequisites. In addition, the Master's thesis builds on the specialist knowledge from the modules of the Master's program.
Contribution to Program Learning Goals (Affected by Module)	§ Professional Competence § Methodological Competence § Social Competence § Self-Competence
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives	Professional Competence § Knowing and Understanding Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance § Apply, Analyze, and Synthesize Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance § Evaluate Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance Methodological Competence § Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking § Scientific Methodology § Work Methods, Techniques, and Procedures § Information Literacy § Creativity & Innovation Social Competence § Written Communication § Oral Communication § Teamwork & Conflict Management § Intercultural Insight & Ability to Change Perspective Self-Competence § Self-Management & Self-Reflection § Ethical & Social Responsibility § Learning & Change
Module Learning Objectives	Students... § analyze a complex problem that has a theoretical and a practical dimension. They provide explanations and/or show solution strategies and develop solutions if necessary. § familiarize themselves with a subject of their own choice using a scientific approach. § apply their acquired methodical knowledge independently and consolidate it proactively and in a demand-oriented manner. § are able to form their own opinions in the context of the topic they have chosen and express themselves in a knowledgeable manner. § proceed systematically in dealing with a complex research project and are selective in choosing the methods they apply. § present their thesis and defend their arguments.
Module Content	§ Producing a research proposal on a chosen topic § Producing an independent research paper on an aspect of accounting and controlling § Defending the thesis
Links to other modules	The content of this module is linked to the following modules: w.MA.XX.AOR-M9.21HS

	w.MA.XX.ASR-M4.21HS		
	w.MA.XX.POF-M11.21HS		
Methods of Instruction	§ Project Work § Explorative Learning § Literature Review	Social Settings Used: Individual Work	
Digital Resources	Various materials and links to support students in producing a Master's thesis		
Type of Instruction	Classroom Instruction	Guided Self-Study	Autonomous Self-Study
Lecture	-	-	
Excercise	-	-	
Project Work	-	-	
Seminar	-	-	
Total	0 h	0 h	450 h
Performance Assessment			
End-of-module exam	Form	Length (min.)	Weighting
-	-	-	-
Permitted Resources	-		
Others	Assessment	Length (min.)	Weighting
Defense	Grade	60	20,00 %
Written Assignment	Grade	-	80,00 %
Proposal	Pass/Fail	-	-
Students are not allowed to revise and resubmit performance assessment tasks.			
Classroom Attendance Requirement	Mandatory Attendance: None		
Language of Instruction/Examination	German		
Compulsory Reading	-		
Recommended Reading	-		
Comments	<p>Resubmission</p> <p>Once submitted, performance assessments or parts thereof (written paper, oral defense) cannot be revised and resubmitted. The same applies to the entire module.</p> <p>Regulations in the event of an unsatisfactory written paper</p> <p>If the "written paper" (80%) is considered unsatisfactory and the student in question cannot achieve a total grade that would be sufficient (4.0) with his/her thesis defense (20%), the following ruling applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main supervisor notifies the student before the date set for the defense that he/she has failed the written part of the performance assessment. • The student decides whether or not to attend the defense part of the performance assessment and informs his/her main supervisor accordingly. If he/she decides in favor of a defense, the total grade is calculated from the weighted grades for the written paper (80%) and the defense (20%). If he/she decides against a defense, the grade awarded for the written paper will be the final module grade. 		