

2020.FS

Module Name: Master Thesis	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.MTBF-M12-PiE.18HS
Module Description	By completing a Master's thesis, the students prove that they are capable of dealing on their own with a demanding subject-related problem within a given time frame and in a manner that is scientifically founded, appropriate, and solution-oriented. Students are encouraged to submit their own topic ideas.
Program and Specialization	Banking and Finance (PiE)
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in Banking and Finance dated 29.09.2011, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in Banking and Finance, first adopted on 28.08.2012
Module Category	Module Type: Compulsory
ECTS	15
Organizational Unit	W Abt. Banking, Finance, Insurance LtG.
Module Coordinator	Ruben Seiberlich (seib)
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Prerequisite Knowledge	A prerequisite for this module are the methodological and professional skills students have acquired so far while completing the MSc in Banking & Finance program. 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, and a structured approach are essential. In addition, the Master's thesis builds on the specialist knowledge acquired in the other 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 with a theoretical and a practical dimension, provide explanations and/or suggest possible solutions and, if necessary, develop solutions. § reflect on their own approaches and those of others in a differentiated and critical manner, demonstrate the ability to consider different perspectives, and develop their own position based on compelling reasoning. § meet the requirements of writing a scientific paper. They place the issue in an overall context, describe the current state of relevant scientific knowledge, and apply one or more scientific methods suitable for addressing the issue. § apply and develop the methodologies they have learned, possibly developing their own methods. The students demonstrate their ability to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of different methods. § relate their findings to their practical application and derive well-founded recommendations for action. § present their thesis and defend their arguments.
Module Content	§ Composing a thesis proposal for the selected topic § Writing an independent scientific paper on a topic of banking & finance § Defending the thesis

Links to other modules	The content of this module is linked to the following modules:		
	w.MA.XX.POPF-M11-PiE.18HS		
	w.MA.XX.PÜF-M10-PiE.18HS		
Methods of Instruction	§ Project Work		Social Settings Used: Individual Work
	§ Explorative Learning		
	§ Literature Review		
Digital Resources	Documents to support the preparation of the 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
Written Assignment	Grade	-	80,00 %
Thesis Proposal	Pass/Fail	-	-
Thesis Defense	Grade	-	20,00 %
Students are allowed to revise and resubmit performance assessment tasks.			
Classroom Attendance Requirement	-		
Language of Instruction/Examination	English		
Compulsory Reading	-		
Recommended Reading	-		
Comments	This is a revised version due to module changes required in the 2020 spring semester. The defense will be done via MS Teams. Students receiving a "fail" for their thesis proposal may revise it. If they are unsuccessful in revising their thesis proposal, they will have failed Module 12. If the overall grade for Module 12, i.e., the weighted grade from the thesis and its defense is between 3.5 and 3.99, the student in question may revise the thesis. If, however, the student is unsuccessful in revising the thesis, Module 12 will have to be repeated using a new topic.		