

Corporate Finance Research Project (F000901)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits	4.0	Study time	120 h	Contact hrs	30.0 h
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2)	English	seminar	10.0 h
		integration seminar	20.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

Mulier, Klaas	EB22	lecturer-in-charge
Vanacker, Tom	EB22	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Business Engineering (main subject Finance)	4	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Corporate finance, research methods, econometrics, data management

Position of the course

This course is closely related to "Topics in Advanced Corporate Finance". Students will craft their own small-scale research project in corporate finance. Students can focus on one of the topics discussed in "Topics in Advanced Corporate Finance" or pick their own corporate finance topic. We further provide several seminars to provide students with the necessary skills to craft a research project in corporate finance. This course is an ideal preparation for the students' master thesis.

Contents

Part A: To prepare students to craft their own research project in corporate finance, we will provide several interactive seminars that will focus on processing large amounts of data (including conducting a literature review), building hypotheses, efficient data management in Stata...

Part B: Students will conduct a small-scale research project in corporate finance. They a) situate, diagnose, and infer a corporate finance problem, b) create, elaborate, or justify a theoretical lens to examine the problem, c) collect, process and analyze data and d) interpret and communicate their research findings, including highlighting the implications of their work for policy makers, investors or managers. During this research process, they will receive feedback at several points in time.

Initial competences

Corporate Finance, Econometrics, Business Research Methods

Final competences

- 1 Students demonstrate their analytical, synthetic, integrative and independent problem solving skills at an academic level.
- 2 Students can apply their knowledge and skills (corporate finance, research methods, econometrics) by creating a potential academic publication.
- 3 Student shows that they are capable of conducting independent (but still supervised) research.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Integration seminar, seminar

Learning materials and price

Slides

References

Course content-related study coaching

The instructors are available to provide feedback to students. There will also be office hours.

Evaluation methods

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Oral examination, assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Final grade is determined by:

(a) presentations of work-in-progress (40%)

(b) written report -- an academic paper -- and final presentation (60%)

Calculation of the examination mark