

Preliminary Master Thesis

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General module information

module number	W.MSCIFM_PMT03.25
type of module	C-Core Module
module level	A-Advanced level
ECTS credits	6
module category	project module (PM)
workload	
contact hours, in hrs	0.00
supervised self-study, in hrs	0.00
unsupervised self-study, in hrs	180.00
delivery / execution	block week spring semester autumn semester
regularity of in-person classes	none
module coordinator(s)	Philipp Henzri (philipp.henzri@hslu.ch)
teaching language	English

Record

record	<p>The Preliminary Study to the Master's Thesis (W.MSCIFM.PMT) is the first part of the Master's Thesis Project. It forms the basis of the Master's Thesis Project and must contain the minimum requirements set in the specific regulation available on ILIAS and are to be written in a sound quality so that they can be included unchanged into the main Master's Thesis.</p> <p>Learning Outcome (LO):</p> <p>1. Students are able to search for and to state an adequate research problem from industry (problem should be related to the topics covered in the masters programme). They are capable to derive research questions based on the statement of the problem and prepare an elaborated research proposal that serves as the Preliminary Study.</p>
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Placement in the course of studies

degree programme / use	Master of Science in International Financial Management
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entry requirements (modules)	
group A	W.MSCIFM_ARP02
minor / specialisation modules	W.MSCIFM_MT04

Module content

learning objectives	<p>The Preliminary Study shows that students have mastered the principles of scientific work and are able to apply these.</p> <p>Students are in a position to develop the specialised bases (detailed theoretical background of the topic, ample and critically annotated literature review, research objectives and research question(s), fully developed methods section, rough workplan) of the Master's Thesis Project in terms of content and style in such a way that they form a sound basis for a successful Master's Thesis.</p> <p>Structure and contents of the Preliminary Study show that the relevant methodological skills and necessary scientific knowledge from the modules W.MSCIFM_AS01_ERM (Academic and Scientific Skills) as well as W.MSCIFM_ARP02 (Applied Research Project) exist. Students are in a position to develop the method-related bases of the Master's Thesis Project in such a way (research design, critically commented literature list) that they meet the scientific requirements of the masters programme).</p> <p>The Preliminary Study shows that the relevant knowledge and the necessary know-how in dealing with clients and supervisors exist and are available.</p> <p>Students prove their independence in the field of the scientific work and in dealing with clients and advisers.</p>
learning content and structure	<p>Professionally competent processing of a practice-oriented problem on the basis of academic working skills. Sound preparation of the main Master's Thesis (W.MSCIFM_MT).</p> <p>Initial event with general information (provided by Head of Module)</p> <p>Support provided by a lecturer (max. one meeting with the supervisor in the role of a lecturer, whereby further meetings with the client are possible. If the client is from Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – Business School and if this person is working himself/herself on the same research project, further meetings may be agreed, whereby the topic of further meetings should not have the student work as its core but rather a coordination function between a research project and the Master's Thesis)</p>
teaching and learning methods	<p>Contact Hours: seminar</p> <p>Directed Study: individual work</p>
Learning objectives acc. the competency model	<p>Graduates demonstrate the subject-expertise required to manage organizations in their field of business.</p> <p>Graduates apply research-based problem-solving skills.</p> <p>Graduates create innovative, research-based solutions in practically oriented settings.</p> <p>Graduates implement innovative, research-based solutions in practically oriented settings.</p> <p>Graduates critically evaluate the impact of their solutions.</p> <p>Graduates present research-based solutions through functionally appropriate forms of communication.</p> <p>Graduates know the strengths and weaknesses, and the effects of their</p>

	own personality in business contexts.
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Assessed assignment

grading scale	HSLU.Halbe Noten
examination/assessment 1	
art	written examination/assessment
form	master's thesis
time	end of semester/block week
in group	No
scope	30.00 Page(s)
weighting	100 %
electronic	no

Comments

comments	The implementation modalities may be adjusted by announcing the framework conditions for the module examinations.
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