

MSCIFM_MT03_Master's Thesis

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General Information

Module Code	W.MSCIFM_MT04.13
Programme	Master of Science in International Financial Management
Type of Module	Core module in foundation
Level of Module	Advanced
ECTS Credits / Workload	9 ECTS Credits (270 hours)

Module Dependencies

Pre-requisites W.MSCIFM_PMT (pass grade is mandatory)

Follow-up modules

Module Aims

A master's thesis is the culmination of the master's programme and its acceptance by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business is an important requirement for your degree. A master's thesis is a research project resulting in a substantive paper of publishable quality. A master's thesis must show that the student is able to work in a scholarly manner and is familiar with the main works published on the subject of the thesis. As much as possible it should also be an original contribution. The thesis has to be written in a predetermined time period and in an independent, correct and solution-oriented way. The project requires expertise, competence of methods (integration of the relevant scientific findings and methods of approach), communication skills (language used and style are correct, intelligibility and a clear structure in the presentation of the work) as well as self-competence (planning and implementation taking into account one's own resilience and efficiency). The master's thesis is the second part of the master's thesis project and is based on the preliminary study (W.MSCIFM_PMT).

Learning Outcome 1

Having completed the master's programme students are able to independently define a problem from practice or research, work on it, present it in written form and defend it orally.

	Importance	Relevant NQF-Descriptors
Subject knowledge and skills: The master's thesis shows that extensive knowledge of a special field and the selected major in general exists and can be applied.	medium	knowledge
Problem-solving: Students independently develop an appropriate solution to a given problem from practice or research. In doing so, they create a great benefit for the client.	medium	knowledge; judgement
Methodology: The master's thesis proves that the students have mastered and are able to apply the principles of scientific work. Students are in a position to complete the master's thesis project from the research design up to the final conclusion almost without coaching, thereby particularly observing the principles of the scientific work.	high	judgement
Communication: The master's thesis shows that the relevant knowledge and the necessary know-how in dealing with clients and supervisors exist and are available.	medium	communication
Social skills: Students are in a position to deliver the core points of their findings in a brief presentation and to defend their work competently.	medium	communication; learning autonomy
Self-related skills: Students prove their independence in the field of scientific work and in dealing with clients and advisers.	medium	learning autonomy

Content Outline

- Handle a given problem professionally and competent on the basis of the preliminary study

- Competent methodological approach in the implementation
- Present the work in a scientific and appropriately communicative way

Teaching and Learning Methods

Contact Hours	seminar; presentations
Directed Study	individual work

Workload

Contact Hours	10 lessons / 7.5 hours (2.8%)
Directed Study	0 lessons / 0 hours (0%)
Private Study	262.5 hours (97.2%)

Assignments and Assessments

Assessment Type	Quantity	Weight	Form	Evaluation Type	Time
Individual written assignment	50 pages	80%	project dissertation	grades	during exam weeks
Oral group examination	20 minutes	20%	specified resources	grades	during exam weeks