

Preliminary Master Thesis

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General Information

Module Code	W.MSCIFM_PMT03.14
Programme	Master of Science in International Financial Management
Type of Module	Core module in foundation
Level of Module	Advanced
ECTS Credits / Workload	6 ECTS Credits (180 hours)

Module Dependencies

Pre-requisites	W.MSCIFM_ARP Applied Research Project (pass grade is mandatory)
Follow-up modules	W.MSCIFM_MT

Module Aims

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.

Learning Outcome 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.

	Importance	Relevant NQF-Descriptors
Subject knowledge and skills: The Preliminary Study shows that students have mastered the principles of scientific work and are able to apply these.	medium	knowledge
Problem-solving: 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.	medium	knowledge; judgement
Methodology: 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).	high	judgement
Communication: The Preliminary Study shows that the relevant knowledge and the necessary know-how in dealing with clients and supervisors exist and are available.	medium	communication
Self-related skills: Students prove their independence in the field of the scientific work and in dealing with clients and advisers.	medium	learning autonomy

Content Outline

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).

Initial event with general information (provided by Head of Module)

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)

Teaching and Learning Methods

Contact Hours seminar
Directed Study individual work

Workload

Contact Hours 10 lessons / 7.5 hours (4.2%)
Directed Study 0 lessons / 0 hours (0%)
Private Study 172.5 hours (95.8%)

Assignments and Assessments

Assessment Type	Quantity	Weight	Form	Evaluation Type	Time
Individual written assignment	30 pages	100%	bachelor thesis	grades	end of semester