



School of Economics and Management

## **BUSP70, Business Administration: Degree Project in Finance - Master Level, 30 credits**

*Företagsekonomi: Examensarbete i finans - masternivå, 30  
högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Business Administration on 2014-11-18 to be valid from 2015-01-19, spring semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course is a master level course and a compulsory part of the master's programme, MSC in Finance.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Business Administration

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

### **Learning outcomes**

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- demonstrate thorough understanding of the theoretical research area dealt with in the degree project
- demonstrate knowledge of theories, models and relevant empirical research methods pertaining to the student's selected research problem.

#### **Competence and skills**

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- demonstrate ability to design and carry out research independently that investigates the student's selected research problem in a relevant way
- demonstrate ability to independently and critically handle quantitative empirical data and to be able to use adequate theory and research methods to analyse such material
- demonstrate ability to select and evaluate different theories, models, and research methods in relation to the student's selected research problem with a view to develop knowledge in a direction identified by the student
- demonstrate competencies in the application of theories, models, and relevant research methods to empirical data pertaining to the student's selected research problem
- demonstrate ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess, and deal with complex phenomena, issues, and situations, even when limited information is available
- demonstrate ability to draw relevant conclusions and implications from the analysis undertaken
- demonstrate ability to clearly present and discuss the conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing.

### **Judgement and approach**

A passing grade on the course will be awarded to students who:

- demonstrate ability to identify relevant research topics within the selected research area with a high degree of independence
- demonstrate ability to make assessments in the field of finance, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work.

### **Course content**

The main objective is to develop students' ability to conduct an independent scientific research project in finance at an advanced level based upon appropriate methodological considerations and relevant theories and models.

The course consists of students carrying through a complete and original research project in finance that is related to the overall perspective of the programme. The students should also be able to present their study in a written academic report as well as orally. The project is undertaken in pairs and supervised by an adviser or an advisory committee. The (main) adviser must hold a PhD. In the project work, the students carry through a complete and original research project. Students are to formulate a clear and original research problem that should be investigated and analyzed in a scholarly manner.

The students work independently on the design and conduct of their study and on presenting the study in the form of a written Master's thesis. This includes independently searching for and selecting relevant literature from the appropriate theoretical research area as well as selecting adequate research methodologies, and collecting relevant empirical data through databases, field studies, and documentary research. The students are also expected to read and discuss the work of other students that attend the same course.

## Course design

The project report must be written in English. The supervision of the project work is carried out in the form of seminars and individual supervisions. As a part of this process, all students will act as discussants of other students' work.

The following activities are compulsory parts of the degree project work:

- Act as opponent on another project report.
- Active participation in three final seminars besides acting as opponent and defending the own project report. (The chair person should put a signature at the seminar report card of the student at each seminar. If the seminar report card is lost the student must attend new seminars).
- The entire project report should be added to the thesis database of the Department of Business Administration.
- The entire project report should be sent to the Urkund database before grading.

After the final seminar, three archive copies of the project report, together with the seminar report card and the project report's order number from the thesis database, should be handed in to the examination office at the Department of Business Administration.

## Assessment

Assessment is done based on the degree project and the activity of the student during the seminar discussions. The final assessment is based on the project. The hands-in are mandatory. If the student fails there will be offered a possibility to reach a completion in order to reach an approval.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

Grade (Definition) Points or % out of maximum points. Characteristic.

**A** (Excellent) 85-100. A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

**B** (Very good) 75-84. A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

**C** (Good) 65-74. The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

**D** (Satisfactory) 55-64. The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

**E** (Sufficient) 50-54. The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

**F** (U) (Fail) 0-49. The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

Some occasional examination elements of the course may have the grading scale pass (D) / fail U(F).

*Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The University will take disciplinary actions against any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other improper practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specific period of time.*

## **Entry requirements**

Students who have been admitted to the master's programme in finance and who have passed the courses within the programme of at least 60 credits are eligible to take this course.

## **Further information**

The course BUSP70 cannot be combined with the course BUSP69 in a degree.

In case of closure of the course: Within three semesters after the course closure there will be offered three additional occasions for examination of respective examination part of the course, for students with no successful result. Note that after this you can get a certificate only regarding completed examination parts.

## Subcourses in BUSP70, Business Administration: Degree Project in Finance - Master Level

Applies from V15

- 1404 Thesis, 30,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1405 OPPOSITION, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1406 Attendance, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass