

## RTU Course "Research Project in Business Finance"

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**General data**

Code	IUF741
Course title	Research Project in Business Finance
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice
Course level	Post-graduate Studies
Course type	Academic
Field of study	Business Management and Administration
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Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part, 4.0 Credit Points, 6.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Annotation	The study course gives an opportunity to get acquainted with some of the areas of the study program and be prepared for the writing the master thesis. Student obtains advanced knowledge in the field on business finance, as well as is able to choose the direction of research that suits his/her interests. The study subject provides the conditions for the development of necessary competences for working with scientific literature, primary and secondary data, empirical research, evaluation, analysis and interpretation of research results, preparation and presentation of the report.
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	The aim of the course is to give the students an opportunity to perform a research project within the field of business finance under supervision according to an individual study plan, to summarize the results in a research report and scientific paper and present the results of the project. Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to: use relevant scientific literature, apply research methods to solve a given scientific task, collect data for empirical research, formulate new scientific questions, perform a research project according to an individual study plan, show independence, critical and creative thinking, document results by writing a research report and scientific pa
Structure and tasks of independent studies	Work is organized in accordance with the research project's implementation plan.
Recommended literature	
Course prerequisites	The subject is based on the knowledge acquired in the 1st year of the master study program.

**Course outline**

Theme	Hours
Choosing a theme in one of the areas of the program's research	4
Analysis of scientific literature and statistical data	20
Preparation of research plan	6
Empirical study	15
Preparation of research report and scientific publication	15
Presentation and defense of the research results at the student conference	4

**Learning outcomes and assessment**

Learning outcomes	Assessment methods
To conduct a research project in accordance with the individual study plan.	The scientific supervisor advises and controls the progress of the research. The student prepares 5 min. long presentation on the result of a certain stage. 30% of the final grade.
Reflects the results in the report and scientific article.	Report and scientific article. 40% of the final grade.
Presents research results.	Participation in the student conference with the presentation. 30% of the final grade.

**Study subject structure**

Part	CP	Hours per Week			Tests		
		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work
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