



GRADUATE SCHOOL

GM1060 Master Degree Project in Finance, 30 credits

Master Uppsats Finans, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by School of Business, Economics and Law on 2011-12-09 and was last revised on 2018-09-27 by Graduate School to be valid from 2019-01-21, spring semester of 2019.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Graduate School

Position in the educational system

The course Master Degree Project in Finance, is a course within the Master of Science programmes at the Graduate School, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.

Main field of studies

Finance

Specialization

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

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course Master Degree Project in Finance students must have passed at least 60 credits of the 90 credits from the three first terms of the programme. Out of the 60 credits passed, 37.5 credits from the first year's core courses must be included. Students must also have a registration on the courses term three to be eligible for the course.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the student shall be able to

- formulate a problem that demands that the student has acquired sufficient knowledge from earlier courses on the topic,
- apply relevant economic theory and fundamental scientific methods,
- independently be able to recognize when further knowledge and study is necessary, and take responsibility for his or her knowledge development,
- critically evaluate material from different sources,
- give a clear and well-structured written account,
- defend his/her work at a seminar together with other course participants,
- provide constructive criticism on Master Degree Project report written by another student at a seminar given together with other course participants.

Course content

The objective of the course is to provide practice in independent analysis of economic problems related to Finance with the help of economic theory and scientific method. The analysis shall build on the knowledge and skills the students have acquired so far in the Master of Science in Finance programme.

Each student is offered personal tutoring during the course. Each student is assigned a personal tutor based on project topic and available resources. The tutor shall guide the student and discuss problems during the course of the work.

The topic shall be decided in consultation with the tutor.

The students shall present their analysis in a written report, which normally shall encompass circa 40 pages.

In addition to the written report, students shall hold an oral presentation of their work and serve as discussants at a presentation held by another student in the Master of Science in Finance programme.

Form of teaching

The teaching consists of supervision and seminars.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

The student will be assessed based on a qualitative assessment of the written report in relation to the learning outcomes. The student shall present the Master Degree Project (thesis) at a final seminar, which may be attended by members of the business community, faculty and students. Furthermore, the student shall give constructive criticism of another student's thesis at a seminar. The oral presentation and the ability to provide constructive criticism will also constitute part of the assessment. The written thesis, the oral presentation, and the discussion of another student's thesis are equivalent to 29 credits.

Furthermore, it is required that the student attends at least 67% of the CFF seminars during the two-year master programme. Attendance to at least 67% of the CFF seminars is equivalent to 1 credit and attendance will be taken at each seminar. Thus, without this credit the course is not completed. The seminars are held Wednesday afternoons at 3.15 pm every second or third week.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

The number of examinations is limited to five.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U). For Pass on the course, Pass is required on all learning outcomes. For Pass with Distinction, Pass with Distinction is required on at least 75% of the learning outcomes and Pass on the remaining 25%.

Course evaluation

The course will be evaluated upon completion. The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.