



GRADUATE SCHOOL

GM1061 Master Degree Project in Finance, 30 credits

Examensarbete i finans, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Graduate School on 2022-10-18 to be valid from 2023-01-16, spring semester of 2023.

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

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. formulate a problem that demands that the student has acquired sufficient

- knowledge from earlier courses on the topic
2. apply relevant economic theory and fundamental scientific methods
 3. independently be able to recognize when further knowledge and study is necessary, and take responsibility for his or her knowledge development
 4. critically evaluate material from different sources
 5. give a clear and well-structured written account
 6. defend his/her work at a seminar together with other course participants
 7. 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 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 approximately 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

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.

A failed Master Degree Project can be supplemented to a passing grade (A-E). A student who, during the current course, does not complete the Master Degree Project in time does not have the right to more tutoring time. However, the student always has the right to have the Master Degree Project assessed at subsequent examination occasion. The number of examinations is limited to five.

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Excellent (A), Very good (B), Good (C), Satisfactory (D), Sufficient (E) and Fail (F).

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.