

18.00 credits

Q1 and Q2



**This learning unit is not open to incoming exchange students!**

Language :	French
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <p>The learning objectives of the dissertation will be explained during a short lecture at the start of the second term. Students will be asked to send in preliminary versions of their dissertation, on which they will receive feedback.</p> <p>The student has to show he is able to write a paper based on the knowledge and skills acquired during the program, which can take the form of e.g. a literature survey, a case study, an empirical research.</p> <p>Students need to identify the problem/research question they want to address, and need to answer the problem in the report. They have to find and describe the relevant literature within the scope of the problem. Depending on the chosen form of the dissertation, they need to collect the correct data and analyze them. They will need to find a theory/method to address the problem and will have to argue in favor (and describe the drawbacks) of the method chosen. Moreover they need to discuss the obtained results, draw conclusions and put the results in perspective in relation to the theory (and empirical data). The written report needs to be structured, comprehensive, clear and present a critical evaluation.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Topic proposals, preliminary projects and the dissertation will be submitted on Moodle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Topic proposal: the title of the project, together with the research question and a preliminary reference list needs to be formulated.</li> <li>2. Preliminary project contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the updated topic proposal (taking the feedback into account)</li> <li>• a preliminary literature review</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>The empirical studies provide the description of the data together (descriptive statistics) and the methodology that will be used.</p> <p>For the case studies : a first description of the case / the problem.</p> <p>3) The deadline for handing in the dissertation will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the evening before the first day of the June exam period for a defense in June.</li> <li>• the evening before the first day of the August exam period for a defense in August.</li> </ul> <p>The evaluation will be based on the written manuscript that should not exceed 50 pages (excluding appendices). The student needs to describe the context, the problem and a proposed solution. She/he will need to motivate the choices made, his evaluation, and clearly formulate a conclusion and add (if necessary) appendices.</p> <p>The oral defense of the thesis consists of a presentation of the work via Teams, followed by questions and answers.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Assignments Discussion</p>
Content	<p>The dissertation is a written paper of around 50 pages (excluding appendices) analyzing an aspect of financial risk management. The student will be able to choose the subject of the paper in the domain of financial risk management.</p>
Other infos	<p>Detailed information about the master thesis will be provided on Moodle.</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	<p>ESPB</p>

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Advanced Master in Financial Risk Management (shift schedule)	GRFB2MC	18		