Master English-taught program
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master Thesis Tutorial
Lecturer

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EDUCATION

Doctor in Finance (2005)
PhD in Labor Economics (1996)
Master of Law (2008)
Specialist in Labor Economics (1989)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Public Finance, Taxes, Shadow Economy, Research Methodology
Course at a Glance

1st academic year, fall semester
Face-to-Face or online mode of delivery
ECTS – 3 credits (13 hours of Lectures, 13 hours of seminars, 82 hours non-contact work)
Prerequisites: bachelor degree
Assessment Methods:
   Final control – Offset
Course at a Glance

Current control:

Homework: List of publications, Literature review, Group project and presentation [up to 40%]

Classwork: Case, Discussion, Teamwork and presentation, Tests [up to 60%]
Learning objectives

- Research characteristics
- Type of research
- Identifying the problem

- Steps of research
- Empirical base
- Research methods

How to Identify the Research Theme

How to Organize the Research

- Scientific text
- Ethics
- Presentation

How to Work with Literature

- Literature selection
- How to read literature
- Literature review

How to Present the Results

How to Work with Literature
Skills

On successful completion of this course, the students should be able to:

— Memorize formatting requirements for preparing a report, research paper and journal article

— Use specific academic search engines, databases, and repositories for data search

— Analyze distinguish between the sources of academic information: primary, secondary, tertiary and «grey» literature

— Write a literature review
Skills

On successful completion of this course, the students should be able to:

— **Demonstrate** an ability to present and discuss research in dialogue with the academic community, orally and in writing

— **Formulate** research questions, hypotheses and objectives

— **Develop** a research plan
Course content 1

— Scientific research and master thesis
  ▪ Research characteristics
  ▪ Steps in the research process
  ▪ What is magister thesis (magister dissertation)?
  ▪ How to identify the research theme

— Types of Academic Literature
  ▪ Primary, secondary, tertiary and «grey» literature
  ▪ Types of articles (APA)
Course content 2

— Data Sources for Research

- Academic journals
- Repositories & Databases for academic publications
- Specialized social networks for researchers
- Expert opinions
- Reference lists
- Statistical databases
Course content 3

— Literature review

- Function of literature review
- Types of review
- Stages of writing the literature review
- Key words and JEL classification
- Literature review technique
- Bibliometrics in Literature review
About Term Paper:

The length of the paper is about 3,000 words. Students are required to make connections between the book knowledge (some articles in business & management) and the real practice. The detailed requirement of the paper will be given after choosing the direction of master thesis.
References

A handbook for teaching and learning in higher education


Guide to the successful thesis and dissertation

Journals Database

Google Scholar
http://scholar.google.com

Microsoft Academic Research
http://academic.research.microsoft.com

Directory of Open Access Journals
http://www.doaj.org

ScienceDirect
http://www.sciencedirect.com

Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)
http://repec.org/
Journals Database

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

NBER: National Bureau of Economic Research
http://www.nber.org/

EconStor
https://www.econstor.eu/

Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR)
https://www.gesis.org/ssoar/home
Teaching Methodology

Course provides a mix of both theory and practice, thus enabling transfer of knowledge and the development of skills.

The main focus of the course is to stimulate critical discussion and reflection on individual contributions.
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