

COURSE SYLLABUS

Master Thesis in Business Administration (Two Years), 30 credits

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Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course the students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. convey substantial and in-depth knowledge in a defined area of the subject of study and insights into the current status of research in this area.
2. make use of articles published in academic journals as the chief starting point for elaboration and analyses.

Skills and abilities

1. critically and systematically differentiate and integrate theories to create a substantial theoretical framework, relevant for the chosen field of study.
2. independently, critically and creatively identify and formulate research problems.
3. Independently and critically plan and carry out an extensive academic research investigation with appropriate methods.
4. contribute to knowledge development in a given field and clearly communicate findings, analyses and conclusions for the phenomenon chosen as specialization in their research to an international audience.
5. fulfil tasks within given time frames.

Judgement and approach

1. produce and defend findings in synthesized and argumentative texts.
2. critically and constructively assess the works of others.
3. in a constructive way defend and discuss strengths and limitation of own and others research.

Contents

The course should contribute to develop the student's ability to fill a theoretical gap. The student should demonstrate an ability to plan, conduct and present a research project. The student should demonstrate good knowledge of the research front within the field of study, and an ability to reflect upon and position

oneself towards alternative approaches within the field. Students are expected to excel in the use of knowledge concerning scientific methods and theories relevant for the area of study to aim for a theoretical contribution. In addition, students are encouraged to write theses that have practical relevance for companies or for realising their own business idea. The practical relevance of the thesis does however not lower the requirements concerning method and theory. The course paper can be presented as a thesis, a working paper or an article aimed at publication. The course is based on independent reading, data collection, analysis, writing and participation in course seminars. The student will present and defend her/his paper as well as reading and critically evaluating other students' work. The course provides an opportunity for arranging research seminars, writing books or using other media for presentation, depending on the students' own objectives. These alternative forms of presentation may however not replace the course requirement to write an academic text.

Type of instruction

Independent reading, data collection, analysis and thesis writing. Participation in supervision seminar series. Thesis presentation and defense. Students will also be required to take the role as opponent for fellow students' work at various stages in the writing process. In addition, ad hoc meetings with tutors can be arranged. The teaching is conducted in English.

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Prerequisites

Bachelor degree in Business Administration 180 credits. 45 credits advanced level courses with a minimum of 30 credits in Business Administration.

Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

All intended learning outcomes are assessed and part of the course grade.

- ILO 1 is appraised at the course seminars, through the finalized thesis, and the final defense.
- ILO 2 is primarily appraised through the finalized thesis.
- ILO 3 is primarily appraised in the first part of the thesis.
- ILO 4 is appraised during the supervision process and course seminars.
- ILO 5 is appraised during the supervision process and course seminars, and written thesis.
- ILO 6 is appraised at the supervision seminars, through the finalized thesis, and the final defense.
- ILO 7 is appraised during the supervision process and course seminars, and finalization of thesis.
- ILO 8 is appraised in the last part of the thesis
- ILO 9 is appraised at the during the supervision seminars and main opposition.
- ILO 10 is appraised during supervision seminars, final defense, and finalized thesis.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Examination ¹	30 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F

¹ Determines the final grade of the course, which is issued only when all course units have been passed.

Course evaluation

It is the responsibility of the examiner to ensure that each course is evaluated. At the outset of the course, evaluators must be identified (elected) among the students. The course evaluation is carried out continuously as well as at the end of the course. On the completion of the course the course evaluators and course examiner discuss the course evaluation and possible improvements. A summary report is created and archived. The reports are followed up by program directors and discussed in program groups and with relevant others (depending on issue e.g. Associate Dean of Education, Associate Dean of faculty, Director of PhD Candidates, Dean and Director of Studies). The next time the course runs, students should be informed of any measures taken to improve the course based on the previous course evaluation.

Other information

Academic integrity

JIBS students are expected to maintain a strong academic integrity. This implies to behave within the boundaries of academic rules and expectations relating to all types of teaching and examination.

Copying someone else's work is a particularly serious offence and can lead to disciplinary action. When you copy someone else's work, you are plagiarizing. You must not copy sections of work (such as paragraphs, diagrams, tables and words) from any other person, including another student or any other author. Cutting and pasting is a clear example of plagiarism. There is a workshop and online resources to assist you in not plagiarizing called the Interactive Anti-Plagiarism Guide.

Other forms of breaking academic integrity include (but are not limited to) adding your name to a project you did not work on (or allowing someone to add their name), cheating on an examination, helping other students to cheat and submitting other students work as your own, and using non-allowed electronic equipment during an examination. All of these make you liable to disciplinary action.

Course literature

Literature

Literature is independently chosen by the students' based on their thesis topics. Students are expected to digest and use state of the art research literature.