



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2018

### 8,196: Research Seminar Financial Institutions

ECTS credits: 3

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (50%)

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (30%)

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,196,1.00 Research Seminar Financial Institutions](#) -- Englisch -- [Brown Martin](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

This seminar is designed for **MBF students who have already finished their compulsory coursework**. The content of these compulsory courses are prerequisites.

#### Course content

The objective of the MBF research seminar is to give students the opportunity to learn how to conduct independent and original research on a current topic of academic interest, present the results, and receive feedback.

To this end students will become familiar with a widely used dataset which provides financial statement data on banks (Bankscope or SNL financial) and will also become familiar with a statistical software (R) which enables them to manipulate and analyze such data.

During the seminar students will complete 2 tasks:

1) Individual assignment:

Student will be given the task to replicate empirical results from a study in the empirical banking literature.

2) Group assignment:

Students will work in groups to answer an applied research question.

#### Course structure

1) There will be an introductory session in the first week of the semester.



2) There will be an introduction to the econometrics program "R" in the second week of the semester in St. Gallen.

3) The two-day seminar sessions will take place on 20/21 April in Bregenz.

- Fri, 20/04/2018 Seminar Sessions 13:30 - 20:00 Bregenz: Hotel

- Sat, 21/04/2018 Seminar Sessions 09:00 - 16.00 Bregenz: Hotel

### Organization and bidding process

Please note: The seminar sessions of the research seminar will take place at the Mercure Hotel in Bregenz, Austria. A bus transport from St.Gallen to Bregenz on Friday noon and back to St.Gallen on Saturday will be organized. Alternatively, students may organize individual transportation at their own cost. Further, the university will supply hotel rooms (double occupancy), a conference dinner on Friday evening as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday for all participants. The research seminar will be subsidized by the MBF Industry Partners (UBS, Credit Suisse, ZKB and Deutsche Bank) reducing the individual cost for students to CHF 100 per person. For organizational reasons, the bidding is binding for this research seminar. Students will have to pay a fee of CHF 100 when registering for the seminar. This fee will not be refunded in case of non-completion of the course (regardless of reason).

The bidding process will be organized decentral. Students will be able to sign up for the seminar under the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Awy3NA5MdCdRIzhi1>

**The link will be open from Thursday, 01 February, 2018, 14.00 p.m. until Monday, 12 February, 2018, 12.00 noon, CET (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> main round of the central bidding process). All slots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve principle.**

Please contact Lea Bühler (lea.buehler@unisg.ch) in case of any questions regarding the organization and bidding process.

### Course literature

The relevant literature will be presented in the introductory session.

### Additional course information

Information on access to databases and statistical software will be provided in the introductory session.



## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/3)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (50%)

##### Remark

Group Research Paper and Presentation

##### Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
- The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the APA or MLA standards. The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into the text in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C. (2015), *Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien* (11th ed., 4th printing). Aarau: Sauerländer).
- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGORÉK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2014, *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende* (5. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

##### Supplementary aids

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##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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#### 2. Examination sub part (2/3)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

##### Remark

Participation in discussion of presentations

##### Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

##### Supplementary aids

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##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English



## 3. Examination sub part (3/3)

### Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (30%)

### Remark

Individual Assignment using "R"

### Examination-aid rule

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## Examination content

### 1) Individual Assignment:

Students will submit a 5 page paper describing how they performed the assignment (1-2 pages) and including the tables displaying their results. They must also submit the underlying software code (R or Stata)

### 2) Group Assignment

- Each group will submit a 10 page summary of their research (including tables and graphs) . Each group must also submit the underlying software code.

- Each group will present their research findings in the presentation sessions (20-25 minutes each)

## Examination relevant literature

Relevant literature will be presented in the introductory session



### Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 25 January 2018
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 19 March 2018
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 09 April 2018

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.