

BASICS OF FINANCE

Credit points	6 CP		
Duration of the course	1 sem.		
Study course annotation	The "Introduction to Finance" course covers a broad range of topics to provide students with a basic understanding of financial principles and practices. Through a comprehensive exploration of financial concepts, institutions, markets and instruments, students will gain a fundamental understanding of the role that finance plays in a variety of contexts. The course covers essential topics ranging from financial statements and financial ratios to budget decisions and regulatory frameworks governing financial systems.		
Aim of the study course	The course aims to equip students with the basic knowledge, skills and competences required to navigate the complex world of finance and understand the landscape of the financial system.		
Study course results	Knowledge	Skills	Competences
	Fundamental knowledge and solid understanding of basic financial concepts and principles, such as financial system, financial institutions, financial markets, financial instruments, financial statements, financial ratios, financial crisis, budget decisions, deficit and debt.	<p>Analytical skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ability to analyze financial data and make informed decisions based on that analysis. <p>Application skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ability to apply financial concepts in real-world scenarios, to solve problems and make sound financial judgments. <p>Critical thinking skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ability to critically evaluate financial concepts, scenarios and data, considering various factors and potential outcomes. <p>Quantitative skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> proficiency in quantitative methods, including financial calculations. 	<p>Analytical competence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate competence in analyzing financial data, identifying trends, and making predictions. <p>Adaptability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adapt to changes in the financial environment, incorporate new information and adjust strategies accordingly, while developing a mindset for continuous learning in the dynamic field of finance. <p>Problem-solving competence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cultivate competence to apply financial concepts to address real-world financial challenges and propose effective financial solutions in diverse scenarios.



Study course content	Subjects	
	1	Overview of Finance and Financial System
	2	Financial Institutions
	3	Financial Markets
	4	Financial Instruments
	5	Financial Statements
	6	Financial Ratios
	7	Budget and Budgetary Process
	8	Budget Deficit and Public Debt
9	Financial Crises: Causes, Consequences and Regulatory Responses	
Form of assessment:	The Final Exam includes a mix of multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, and problems to assess students' knowledge, skills and competences on the main topics covered in the course.	
Obligatory literature:		
Fabozzi, F., Modigliani, F., Jones, F. (2009). Foundations of Financial Markets and Institutions, 4th edition. Publisher: Prentice Hall.		
Brealey, R.A., Myers, S.C., Marcus, A.J. (2019). Fundamentals of Corporate Finance. Publisher: McGraw-Hill.		
Ross, S., Westerfield, R., Jordan, B. (2019). Essentials of Corporate Finance, 10th edition. Publisher: McGraw Hill.		
Backhaus, J., Wagner, R. (2005). Handbook of Public Finance. Publisher: Springer.		
Additional literature:		
Burton, M., Nesiba, R.F., Brown, B. (2010). An Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions, 2nd edition. Publisher: Routledge		
Tooze, A. (2018). Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crises Changed the World. Publisher: Allen Lane Penguin Random House UK		
Other sources of information:		
International Monetary Fund. Government Finance Statistics database, https://data.imf.org/		
European Commission. Eurostat database, https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main/data/database		
US Securities and Exchange Commission. Financial Statement Data Sets, https://www.sec.gov/dera/data/financial-statement-data-sets		
Changes and additions to the program and literature list are possible during the study process		