

Master of Business Systems			
Module	Code	Credits	Semester
Thesis	PM 14	25	4

Responsible/ Lecturer	All faculty members
Language	English
Curriculum	Final module of the degree programme
Didactic	Self-management- application of project management skills; discussions at the workplace; Support is given via various communication channels, including email, forum, chat, or wiki. Students will be supervised by a faculty member who is a specialist in the topic of the thesis topic.
Study effort	Focused work on the research topic during the semester is required: Approximately 600 hours of working on the research topic and the dissertation including communication with the supervisor.
Prerequisites	All but one module have to be passed before the work on the thesis can begin:
Goals/ Competencies	The aim of a master thesis is defined in the examination regulations. The thesis should demonstrate that the candidate is able to work independently on a problem in his field within a given period using scientific methods. Candidates deepen their knowledge in the field related to the thesis' topic and develop their competence in research. Personal skills are extended as well: self-management is developed by running the thesis research as a project. Writing and Communication skills are improved.
Content	A master thesis covers a question of scientific interest. By the master thesis the candidate demonstrates that he or she is capable solving a problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • autonomously • within a specified period and • by using scientific methods. <p>The candidate shows that he or she is able to express his or her ideas and conclusions in a scientific text in a sensible and comprehensible manner.</p> <p>A scientific problem is characterized by the line of questioning. It is not a scientific contribution if someone limits himself to a description of research contributions achieved by other people. It is neither a scientific contribution if the course of a project is recorded. The work is scientifically as well if a practical question is answered, e.g. a question raised in industry, by applying scientifically accepted methods. The problem, the issue, or the question is then the »cause« of a scientific investigation.</p>
Assessment	The master's thesis is an examination that concludes the study. The written thesis must be submitted on time to the Central Examination Office at the in triplicate. The dissertation is assessed by two examiners. The supervisor of the thesis is one of the examiners. In a colloquium the candidate has to present the result of his/her research and has to defend his/her thesis.
Literature	Literature on scientific writing, e.g.: Evans, Gruba: How to write a better thesis, Melbourne University Press, 2010. Supervisors will give literature hints related to the thesis topic.
Notes	See the examination regulation for administrative issues