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ECTS Credits 3 English	Module description: History of Financial Crises							
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Business Law and Applied Law, first adopted on 12.05.2009	Legal Framework	Administration, International Management, Business Information Technology, Business Law,						
Module Category Module Type Program Phase Compulsory Elective Main Study Period	Module Category		l =					
Prerequisite Knowledge	Prerequisite Knowledge							

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Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	 Professional Competence Methodological Competence Social Competence Self-Competence 						
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Module Learning Objectives	Students have a sound knowledge of the history of financial crises, especially the Great Depression and the recent financial crisis since 2008. know and can explain the typical circumstances, causes, and consequences of financial crises. can compare and discuss the similarities and differences of several financial crises, especially the Great Depression and the recent global financial crisis.						
Module Content	 Economic causes, general anatomy, and the socio-economic and political consequences of financial crises. Interdependencies between financial, economic, banking, and exchange rate crises. Similarities and differences of several financial crises, especially the Great Depression and the recent global financial crisis. 						
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: • w.BA.XX.1ECON-IM.XX • w.BA.XX.2VWL-BL.XX • w.BA.XX.2VWL-WIN.XX • w.BA.XX.2Makro-flex.XX • w.BA.XX.2Mikro.XX						
Digital Learning Resources	Teaching Videos						
Methods of Instruction	Case Studies Lecture Literature Review		Social Settings Used: Group Work Pair Work Individual Work				
Type of Instruction		Classroom Instruction	Guided Self- Study	Autonomous Self- Study			
	Large Class	-	-				
	Small Class	8 h	20 h				
	Group Instruction	-	-				
	Practical Work	-	-				
	Seminar	-	-				
	Total	8 h	20 h	62 h			

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Performance Assessment	End-of-module exam	End-of-module exam		Length (min.)	Weighting			
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	Permitted Resources							
	Others	Assessment	Format	Length (min.)	Weighting			
	Team report Preparation of a report - 2 pages of text per student, excluding figures, etc on the topic	Grade	Gruppenarbeit	1440	50.00			
	Defense Presenting the report and answering questions from lecturers and students	Grade	Gruppenarbeit	20	50.00			
Classroom Attendance Requirement	Other 100% attendance in the presentation sessions. In the case of authorized and justified absence, the module coordinator will determine what is necessary to compensate for this. Unauthorized absences or failure to meet the above terms will result in a fail being awarded for the module.							
Compulsory Reading								
Recommended Reading	See reference list							
Comments								