

Valid from 2025.HS

Module description: Sustainable Finance		
Module Code	w.BA.XX.2SFIN.XX	
ECTS Credits	3	
Language of Instruction/Examination	English	
Module Description	In this module, students gain a broad overview of the relevance of sustainability considerations for the financial sector. Following an introduction with the definition of different terminologies and a discussion as to why sustainability matters, the first part of the module elaborates on sustainability from the perspective of investors and highlights differences across sustainable investment strategies. The second part of the module looks at sustainability considerations from the perspective of companies, such as evaluating different sources of financing and sustainability performance and impact.	
Organizational Unit	Institut für Financial Management (IFI)	
Module Coordinator	Julia Meyer	
Deputy Module Coordinator	Dominik Boos	
Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective module (see module table)</li> </ul>	
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations BSc dated 29.01.2009, for the degree programs in Business Administration, International Management, Business Information Technology, Business Law, Business Law and Applied Law, first adopted on 12.05.2009	
Module Category	<b>Module Type</b> Compulsory Elective	<b>Program Phase</b> Main Study Period
Prerequisite Knowledge	None.	
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Competence</li> <li>Methodological Competence</li> <li>Social Competence</li> <li>Self-Competence</li> </ul>	
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives	<p><b>Professional Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowing and Understanding Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> <li>Apply, Analyze, and Synthesize Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> <li>Evaluate Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> </ul> <p><b>Methodological Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Problem-Solving &amp; Critical Thinking</li> <li>Scientific Methodology</li> <li>Work Methods, Techniques, and Procedures</li> <li>Information Literacy</li> <li>Creativity &amp; Innovation</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Communication</li> <li>Oral Communication</li> <li>Teamwork &amp; Conflict Management</li> <li>Intercultural Insight &amp; Ability to Change Perspective</li> </ul> <p><b>Self-Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Management &amp; Self-Reflection</li> <li>Ethical &amp; Social Responsibility</li> <li>Learning &amp; Change</li> </ul>	
Module Learning Objectives	Students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learn to assess and critically discuss the relevance of sustainability for different players in the financial sector.</li> <li>understand the increasing relevance of sustainability in the investment and financing process.</li> <li>understand different terminologies and are able to define sustainability in finance.</li> <li>can assess sustainability information and ratings.</li> </ul>	

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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to sustainability in finance</li><li>• Climate change and biodiversity – why sustainability matters</li><li>• Sustainable investment strategies I: engagement/voting</li><li>• Sustainable investment strategies II: quantitative ESG integration</li><li>• Sustainable investment strategies III: impact investing/microfinance</li><li>• ESG in portfolio management</li><li>• Sustainability in real estate/infrastructure investments</li><li>• Sustainable investments for institutional investors</li><li>• Sustainable investments for retail investors/in wealth management</li><li>• Sustainable financing: bank financing</li><li>• Sustainable financing: debt financing</li><li>• ESG and financial performance</li><li>• Sustainable reporting and auditing</li></ul>																																							
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules:																																							
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Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lecture</li></ul>		Social Settings Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual Work</li></ul>																																					
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