

Valid from 2025.FS

Module description: Master Thesis	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.MTAC-M13.21HS
ECTS Credits	15
Language of Instruction/Examination	German
Module Description	By completing a Master's thesis, students demonstrate their ability to deal with a demanding specialist problem within a given time frame and do so independently and in a manner that is scientifically sound, appropriate, and solution-oriented. Ideally, students will choose their own topic.
Organizational Unit	Institut für Financial Management (IFI)
Module Coordinator	Ursina Hüppin
Deputy Module Coordinator	Andreas Buchs
Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounting and Controlling</li> </ul>
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in Accounting and Controlling dated 10.12.2015, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in Accounting and Controlling, first adopted on 26.01.2016
Module Category	<b>Module Type</b> Compulsory
Prerequisite Knowledge	Prerequisites are the methodical and technical skills acquired up to the Master's thesis in the MSc in Accounting and Controlling. The relevance of each module varies depending on the topic of the Master's thesis. Statistical and econometric knowledge, the processing and research of scientific literature, as well as a systematic approach are prerequisites. In addition, the Master's thesis builds on the specialist knowledge from the modules of the Master's program.
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>

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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Producing a research proposal on a chosen topic</li><li>Producing an independent research paper on an aspect of accounting and controlling</li><li>Defending the thesis</li></ul>																																						
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>w.MA.XX.POF-M11.21HS</li><li>w.MA.XX.AOR-M9.21HS</li><li>w.MA.XX.ASR-M4.21HS</li></ul>																																						
Digital Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Various materials and links to support students in producing a Master's thesis</li></ul>																																						
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Classroom Attendance Requirement	None																																						
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Comments	If the proposal is assessed as a "fail", it can be revised. If the corrected proposal is unsatisfactory, the module is considered as not passed.																																						