

Valid from 2025.HS

Module description: Master Thesis	
Module Code	w.MA.XX.MTIB.20HS
ECTS Credits	12
Language of Instruction/Examination	English
Module Description	Students carry out an independent research project as an individual piece of work based on a subject from the scope of their course of study. Relying on scientific principles, they write a research paper on a topic drawn from the scientific or practical field. The students either choose their own topic, a topic proposed by faculty, or one is assigned to them. They analyze the requirements of their task, conduct a detailed analysis of the situation and, based on this analysis, make recommendations on how to solve the problem at hand. To do so, they draw on the knowledge and the skills they have acquired in the course of their studies. They proceed in a purposeful, effective, and efficient manner, acquiring additional specialist knowledge, as needed. The Master's thesis thus reflects students' competence and increased capacity to act gained from the course of study.
Organizational Unit	International Management Institute
Module Coordinator	Jeremy Dela Cruz
Deputy Module Coordinator	Juanita Guarin Davila
Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Business
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations MSc in International Business dated 10.12.2015, Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the degree program in International Business, first adopted on 12.02.2016
Module Category	Module Type Compulsory
Prerequisite Knowledge	All compulsory modules of the degree program "MSc in International Business".
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Competence Methodological Competence Social Competence Self-Competence
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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students work on their own with limited coaching from a thesis supervisor.Practical application of scientific work.They submit a scientifically sound thesis.They defend a scientifically sound thesis.																																									
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none">w.MA.XX.RMS.21HSw.MA.XX.AIP1.20HSw.MA.XX.INTRP.20HSw.MA.XX.ARC.20HS																																									
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