

Degree Course Scheme, Master of Arts in Banking and Finance (MBF)

Regulation 18

(pursuant to Art. 6 of the Course Regulations for the Master's Course of the University of St.Gallen of 30 June 2003 (as amended on 17 October 2016))¹

Lecture/seminar courses	Sem.	SWH		Credits	Examination form	Examination time *	Optional for other Master's Progrs. **	Remarks
		Contact	Independent					
1. Core studies - Compulsory subjects								
1.1 Financial Markets	7	3	1	5	Written examination	TT	No	
1.2 Financial Institutions	7	3	1	5	Written examination	TT	No	
1.3 Quantitative Methods	7	3	1	5	Oral examination: 60% Homework: 40%	TT	No	
Total compulsory subjects		9	3	15				
2. Core studies - Core electives								
2.1 Core electives	8 / 9			24		TT		
2.2 Research seminar	8 / 9			3		TT	No	1 Research seminar may be taken at the most
Total electives				27				
Total Master's core subjects				42				
3. Core studies - Independent electives				12				
Total core studies				54				
4. Master's thesis				18				
5. Contextual studies								
51. Areas of concentration				12-18				12 credits min. and 18 credits max.
52. Skills				0-6				0 credits min. and 6 credits

¹ Pursuant to Art. 123 of the University Statutes, only the German version of these regulations shall be legally binding.

								max. (Skills are optional.)
Total contextual studies				18				
Total Master's degree course				90				

* ITB = Inter-term Break / TT = Term Time (the submission time for a paper can be postponed until ITB)

** This course can be chosen by students of other Master's programmes for their independent subject area

Master's thesis

The topic of the Master's thesis may be derived from the Master's core subjects or the contextual studies. A relation to the area of banking and finance is required.

Beginning of the Master's course

Studies for a Master's degree can only be started at the beginning of a fall semester. However, the Master's degree course as such can also be started in the Spring Semester, during which time students will be able to earn credits in independent electives and contextual studies.

Exchange

An exchange semester is possible in the 2nd or 3rd term but not in the 1st term. Transfer credits from exchange programs at other universities may be credited to the core electives of the Master's degree course. The maximum amount of transfer credits is specified in the course regulations for the Master's level. The compulsory subjects cannot be replaced by courses of other universities.

Transition provisions

The new structure of contextual studies will be introduced for all students as from Autumn Semester 2018. Students who have not completed their studies under the old course regulations by the end of Spring Semester 2018 will be converted to the 2018 Regulations. The Dean of Studies shall issue detailed provisions for the conversion of work done by students in contextual studies before Autumn Semester 2018.