



DESCRIPTION OF STUDY COURSE

Course unit title	Research Work Methodology	
Programme	Bachelor International Finance	
Year of study	2nd year	
Academic year	2022./2023.	
Level of course unit (e.g. first, second or third cycle)	First, Bachelor's study	
Course unit code	BFa004	
Name of lecturer(s)	Līga Peiseniece	
Credit points	2 CP	
Number of ECTS allocated	3 ECTS, Latvian credit points are multiplied by 1,5 to get ECTS	
Language of instruction	English	
Type of course unit (compulsory, optional)	Compulsory	
Semester when the course unit is delivered	4	
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face.	
Aim of Course	To provide basic knowledge of research and research methods, information gathering and analysis with SPSS; and practical skills in development of students' research works and independent study, starting from hypothesis statement and finishing with research conclusions and recommendations, and their recommendations.	
Preliminary knowledge (prerequisites and co-requisites)	Research work experience during the secondary education, IT, Statistics	
Course contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The research work principles. 2. Research, its types and meaning in the study process. 3. Research paper methodological requirements. 4. Sources of information. 5. Research methodology, analysis of literature, practical research. 6. Application of SPSS. 	
Planned learning activities and teaching methods	Students participation in lectures, seminars, present their individual works. Final assessment is based on 10% active participation in discussions and seminars, 50% development and presentation of independent practical work, 40% written exam.	
	Teaching methods	Student work load (1 CP = 40 hours of student work)
	Lecture	25%
	Seminars, practical work	15%
	Development and presentation of individual work	40%



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	Work at the library, independent studies	20%		
		Total 80 hours		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand main principles and requirements of the research work; 2. Is able to formulate topicality, design, data set of the research, explain and dispute about the results of the research; 3. Is able to use related tools of the research in order to obtain answers to the stated question or problem of the research. 			
Assessment methods and criteria	Learning outcomes	1.	2.	3.
	The form of assessment			
	Test	●	●	
	Independent work and presentation	●	●	●
	Written examination	●	●	
Recommended or required reading	<p><u>Compulsory literature:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saunders, M. (2017) <i>Doing Research in Business and Management 2nd Edition</i>, Prentice Hall Financial Times: Pearson Education 2. Bryman, A. (2019), <i>Business Research Methods 5E</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford <p><u>Recommended literature:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saunders, M., Lewis, P., Thornhill, A. (2019), <i>Research methods for business students</i>, Pearson 2. Field, A. (2018), <i>Discovering Statistics Using SPSS</i>, Sage Publications ltd, London 			
Recommended optional programme components	To be agreed at the start of the course			