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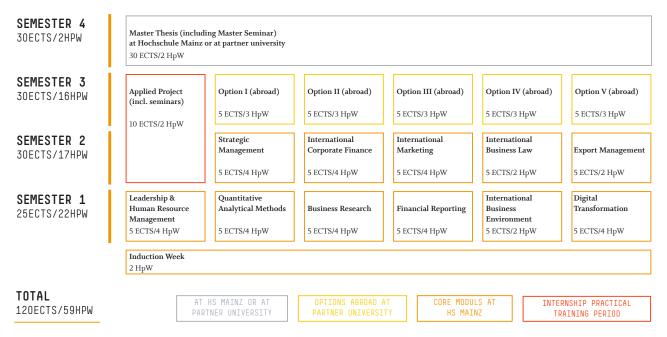
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# Study Structure Master of Arts International Business

## STUDIENSTRUKTUR: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS M.A.



Semester 1	Module Code	Credits
Leadership and Human Resources Management	964-60151	5
Quantitative Analytical Methods	964-60152	5
Business Research	964-60153	5
Financial Reporting	964-60154	5
International Business Environment	964-60155	5
Digital Transformation	964-60156	5

Semester 2	Module Code	Credits
Strategic Management	964-60251	5
International Corporate Finance	964-60252	5
International Marketing	964-60253	5
International Business Law	964-60254	5
Export Management	964-60255	5



Semester 3	Module Code	Credits
Option I (at Partner University)	964-60301	5
Option II (at Partner University)	964-60302	5
Option III (at Partner University)	964-60303	5
Option VI (at Partner University)	964-60304	5
Option V (at Partner University)	964-60305	5

Semester 4	Module Code	Credits
Master Thesis	964-60451	30

# List of performances [Performance record - "Studienleistung"]

Semester 1-4	Code	Credits
Applied Project	964-60380	10



Leadership and Human Resources Management								
Module Code Workload Credits Semester Frequency Duration					Duration			
964-60	)151	150 hrs	5	1		once per year (winter)		1 semester
Module Owners: Prof. Dr. Susanne Rank; Prof. Dr. Michael Christ								
1 Classes		Class Contact Hours		Private Study Hours		Planned Group Size		
Leadership and HRM		60		90		30 students		
2	Learning Outgames / Competences							

### 2 Learning Outcomes / Competences

# Knowing and Understanding

Students understand the interrelationship of leadership, organisational behaviour & change, and economic success. They know theories of human interactions and broaden their view of management by adding components of organisational psychology.

# Applying

They are able to apply the standard theories to stylised and real-world cases.

#### Analysing and Evaluating

They are able to analyse cases from the international company world and apply their knowledge of theories to organisational problems. They are able to critically assess different methods of problem solutions.

#### Transferring, Generating and Developing

They are able to transfer their knowledge and analytical tools to unknown cases in changing environments. They are able to use this capacity for deducting hypotheses for student research projects.

#### Broadening vs. Deepening

As most of the students have not become familiar with behavioural psychology during their Bachelor studies, this module broadens the students' view of managerial processes. By applying the newly acquired knowledge to cases, it then deepens the students' knowledge.

#### Social competence

They develop their capacity to work in cross-cultural teams and to present the working results of the team. They develop the ability to support the problem-solving capability of other team members. As they must prepare team presentations, conflicts in working teams, in particular cross-cultural conflicts, may occur. So, the students must develop strategies of conflict management and, in addition, discuss and reflect the own behaviour in a paper. In extreme cases, the conflict may be "escalated" and discussed and solved with the support of the professor.

#### Self-management

They train their capabilities of self-management and learn to reflect their own contribution to the team success.



3	Contents
	Introduction into Leadership and HRM
	The individual in the organisation incl. inter-cultural differences in work motivation
	Leadership (effective leadership behaviour, transformational leadership, ethical leadership)
	International HRM
	Cross Cultural Management (for example: recruiting and selection in international companies; talent manage-
	ment; expatriation as leadership development)
	Organisational culture
	Team Development in global companies
	Diversity management
4	Teaching Forms
	Seminar-style class; teamwork on assigned case studies; own research on companies to be presented in class.
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Presentation (60%) and reflection paper (40%)
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Fulfil requirements of the assessment described above
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
	subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard textbooks (for example Yukl) and journal articles. Seminal journal articles
	are recommended for reading. In addition, students are provided with a list of journals and encouraged to own
	literature research. A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on assigned case studies.



Module Code Workload 964-60152 150 hrs		Credits	Seme	ester	Frequency		Duration	
		5	1		once per ve	ear (winter)	1 semester	
Module Owner: Prof. Dr. Daniel Porat				1		office per ye	car (winter)	1 Schliester
1	Classes		Class Conta	act Hours	Private Study	y Hours	Planned (	Group Size
	Quantitative Analytical 60 90 Methods			30 studen	ts			
2	Learning C	Outcomes / Comp	etences		1			
	Knowing and Understanding Students know tools of intermediate mathematics and statistics. They understand the tools' theoretical background. They become familiar with standard analytical software, such as STATA.  Applying They are able to apply these tools to standard questions in economic research.  Analysing and Evaluating They are able to analyse empirical data by using these tools and evaluate the results of a quantitative analysis. They are able to assess the appropriateness of the statistical research tool for different type of research questions.							
	They are able to use this capacity for deducting and testing hypotheses in student research projects.  Broadening vs. Deepening As most of the students have already become familiar with statistical tools during their Bachelor studies, this ule deepens their knowledge and increases their capacity of applying it to student research projects.  Social competence They may develop their capacity to work in cross-cultural teams by helping each other in exercises. Some of may even develop/train leadership skills when supporting fellow students in their learning process. However module does not focus on developing social competence.						udies, this mod	
	Self-management Similarly, the training of self-management does not go beyond the "standard" necessities of preparing class, cises and examinations.					ing class, exer-		
3	Contents  Introduction to statistical software (e.g. STATA)  Descriptive Statistics  Random Variables and their Distributions  Sampling, Estimation and Hypothesis Testing  The Comparison of Two or More Populations (e.g. Comparing Two Means, Chi-Square Test, Analysis of Variance Logistic Regression							sis of Variance)
4	Teaching Forms							
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6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written Examination (120 minutes)
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Pass the examination
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
	subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use a standard textbook (for example Keller, Gerald / Gaciu, Nicoleta, Managerial
	Statistics, Southwestern Cengage). In addition, students are provided with exercises and case studies to which
	they apply the tools. A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on assigned case studies; the module focuses on the application
	of the tools. A deeper understanding of mathematical theory is not intended.
	In some parts of the seminars, reference to the Business Research module (60153) is made.



Bus	siness H	Research						
Module Code Workload Credits Semester Frequency Duration				Duration				
964-60	)153	150 hrs	5	1		once per year (winter)		1 semester
Module Owners: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schüle; Prof. Dr. Stephanie Swartz								
1 Classes Class Contact Hours Private Study Hours Planned Group S			nned Group Size					
- Business Research - Academic Writing		60 90		90		30 s	students	

#### Knowing and Understanding

Students know different research philosophies (for example positivism, constructivism, interpretivism), research methodologies (for example experimental design, survey, content analysis, action research), and data collection methods (for example observation, questionnaires, interviews, focus groups). They understand how they are related to each other. They know and understand basic tools of critical reading and academic writing. They understand the ethical principles of academic work.

#### Applying

They apply their knowledge to exercises and cases which help to develop an understanding of how to organise a research project.

#### Analysing and Evaluating

They analyse texts and research designs and develop the ability of critically assessing them.

#### Transferring, Generating and Developing

They transfer the evaluation of assigned designs to own possible research questions and develop research objectives from the research question. They critically develop a research plan for a Master thesis, based on a theoretical and methodological framework. They evaluate the appropriateness of different methodologies in the context of the research question and objectives, critically discuss the necessities and limitations of triangulation, and finally decide which research design they will present in their individual research proposal. Insofar, this also contributes to enhancing their decision making skills. They create and present a research proposal which integrates all critical elements of business research methods.

#### Broadening vs. Deepening

The module first broadens the students' knowledge as most of them have never discussed methodological issues of empirical research – at least not at an intermediate level. In the course of application, they deepen their knowledge. So, all students have an overview of different data collection methods; each of them then focuses on one of them, going much beyond the standard lecture contents.

#### Social competence

When presenting their own research ideas, they develop their rhetorical skills while presenting ideas to an academic public and defending their ideas in a small discussion group. As audience, they learn to appraise and criticise the ideas in academically accepted forms. As exercises and mini-cases are to be elaborated in small, interculturally composed teams, they further increase their capability of working in teams; moreover, they develop empathy.

#### Self-management

They train their media literacy, their capability to set milestones for a project and train their skills in academic writing.



3	Contents
	Research Idea, Research Question, and Research Objectives; Fundamental Research Philosophies
	Reviewing the Literature, Critical Reading, and Theoretical Framework
	Research Methodology and Design: Overview
	Research Methodology and Design: Econometric Analysis Based on Existing Data
	Sampling and Data Collection Methods: Overview Selected Data Collection Methods: Secondary Data and Documentary Analysis
	Selected Data Collection Methods: Secondary Data and Documentary Analysis  Selected Data Collection Methods: Observation
	Selected Data Collection Methods: Interviews
	Selected Data Collection Methods: Questionnaires
	Data Management and Coding
	Writing a Research Proposal   Writing an Essay / Discussion Paper
	Writing a Master Thesis
	Ethics in Research
4	Teaching Forms
-	Teaching Forms
	Seminar-style class; team work on assigned case studies; own literature research
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
7	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied.
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Students develop a research question and submit an extended research proposal at the end of the semester.
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Fulfil requirements of the assessment described above
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) – subject to class size limitations
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10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
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11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Quinlan; Zygmunt) and specialised literature on
	each week's topics. They are provided with an extended list of books and articles in handbooks on international
	business research – with a focus on qualitative research. Moreover, books and guidelines for academic writing in
	English are made available. A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus. Students may use
	this extended list of recommended reading when starting their own research project in higher semesters.
	In some parts of the seminars, reference to the Quantitative Methods module (60152) is made.



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	Applying									
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4	Teaching Forms
	I. – IV. Financial reporting under IFRS: There will be some traditional lectures during the class room
	meetings. In addition, students are supposed to work in small teams on cases applying theory to real-life
	problems in international accounting.
	V. Financial analysis: Students are expected to analyse the financial reports of listed companies in small
	teams, to produce a rational financial analysis, embracing the implications of IFRS, changes in accounting
	policies and strategic aspects. They have to present the results of their analysis.
5	Prerequisites
	None, however, students should have a decent understanding of double-entry bookkeeping
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written examination (90 minutes, 75%), presentation of team assignment (25%)
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	In order to pass this unit, the student must achieve a minimum score of 50% of both assessment forms
	combined.
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students – subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Alexander et. al.; Elliott and Elliott), the IFRS
	standards approved by the European Union; and annual statements of selected international companies.
	A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the module is based on the application of the IFRS to stylised and real-world business problems.



International Business Environment								
Module Code Workload Credits Se		Semester		Frequency		Duration		
964-60	)155	150 hrs 5 1			once per year (winter)		1 semester	
Module	e Owners: Pr	of. Dr. Ulrich Sch	üle; Prof. Dr. Clau	ıdia Kuı	rz			
1	Classes		Class Contact Hours		Private Study Hours		Planned Group Size	
	International Business Environment		30		120		30 students	

# Knowing and Understanding

Students know about the BoP and understand the major links between the different accounts. They are able to describe world trade flows and world investment flows and their changes throughout the last decades. They know and understand the major theories of international trade and FDI. They know and understand the principles of multilateralism and regionalism and the legal framework of the world trade system. They know and understand the exchange rate theories and the role fluctuations in the real exchange rates play for international trade flows and international businesses.

#### Applying

They are able to apply standard theories to stylised and real-world cases.

## Analysing and Evaluating

They are able to analyse the implications policy measures of the EU, international organisations and governments for national economies and international companies. They are able to critically discuss how the political environment and strategic internationalisation decisions of companies are interlinked. They are able to select the appropriate theories in order to consider how economic policy measures influence the environment of businesses. They are able to test standard "beliefs" with logical deduction from theories.

# Transferring, Generating and Developing

They are able to transfer their knowledge and analytical tools to unknown cases in changing environments.

#### Broadening vs. Deepening

This module broadens the students' knowledge. It provides them with an overview of international economic (mainly trade) theory without going into depth.

#### Social competence

They further develop their ability to discuss complex economic relations (critical thinking). During the discussions, they increase their abilities in speaking and may develop empathy and understanding of different viewpoints students from different countries / continents may have of international policies (team ability and cross-cultural competence).

#### Self-management

As this module focuses on reading, they train their capacity to organise and manage literature research and their skills in critical reading (media literacy). In particular, they train their ability in extracting and condensing information from different sources.



3	Contents
	Definitions and Statistics in the context of the Balance of Payment
	The Changing Patterns of International Production, Trade and Investment
	Theories explaining Inter-Industry Trade, Intra-Industry Trade, and FDI
	Free Trade Policies and the World Trade System between Multilateralism and Regionalism
	Exchange Rates in International Business
4	Teaching Forms
	Seminar-style class focusing on student discussions; own literature research to be presented in class.
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written examination (120 minutes), may be supplemented with student presentations
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Minimum of 50% of total assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
	subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Dicken; Krugman et. al.) and journal articles.
	Seminal journal articles are recommended for reading. In addition, students are encouraged to own literature
	research. A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on assigned discussion questions.



Digital Transformation								
Module Code Workload		Workload	Credits	Semester		Frequency		Duration
964-60	964-60156 150 hrs		5	1		once per year (winter)		1 semester
Module	Module Owner: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ostheimer							
1	1 Classes		Class Contact Hours		Private Study Hours		Planned Group Size	
Digital Transformation		60		90		30 students		

# Knowing and Understanding

Students know and recognize basic digital transformation concepts and IS-based business models. They are familiar with ideas concerning the application of IS-based networks and platforms for communication, interaction and transaction in a globalized world. They are aware of digital transformation and IS-based business model applications and implementations.

# Applying

Students can apply and analyse ideas concerning the application of IS-based networks and platforms for communication, interaction and transaction. Current topics and best demonstrated available technology (such as big data and business analysis) are classified within the context of digital transformation and challenges are discussed.

#### Analysing and Evaluating

Students are able to reflect, analyse, discuss and apply concepts of IS-based business model application and implementation. They are able to assess the value of digital business and transformation. They are capable of assessing applied practical implementations in a competent way as well as of reflecting potential social and cultural impacts. Additionally, the module will strengthen students' ability of making decisions under uncertain conditions.

#### Transferring, Generating and Developing

Students recognize IS-induced business transformations, and are able to apply and reflect concepts and models to actual cases.

#### Broadening vs. Deepening

This module broadens the students' knowledge. It gives an overview of the problems and challenges of digital transformation.

# Social competence

Students team up in small groups and are able to lead small teams in a responsible way, research and apply knowledge in a self-directed manner, and discuss their results. They are able to promote professional development of their fellow students' appropriate knowledge and discuss their results with peers and with experts.

#### Self-management

Preparation to the lectures requires self-learning study hours.



3	Contents
	Digital economy, transformation classification in a scientific context  Current topics and best demonstrated available IS-technology
	Terminology, concepts and models: digital economy, transformation, and IS-based business models
	Selected case studies
	Applied digital economy, transformation applications
	Trends (e. g. mobile business)
	Social and cultural context and impact
4	Teaching Forms
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	Seminar (lecture, practical parts, self-learning/study hours).
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
7	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Project work and presentation
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Fulfil requirements of the assessment described above
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students – subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Christensen, C. M.; The Innovator's Dilemma; Boston; Harvard Business Review Press
	Day, G. S.; Moorman, C.; Strategy from the Outside in; London; Mcgraw-Hill
	Day, G. S.; Reibstein, D. J.; Wharton on Dynamic Competitive Strategy; Hoboken; John Wiley & Sons
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	Univers. Press
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	Boston; Harvard Business Review Press
	A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
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Str	rategi	c Management	5					
Modul	Module Code Workload		Credits	Semest	er	Frequency		Duration
964-60	)251	150 hrs	5	2		once per year (summe	er)	1 semester
Modul	e Owner: 1	Prof. Dr. Herbert Pau	İ					
1	Classes		Class Contact	Hours	Private St	udy Hours	Plar	nned Group Size
	Strategic	Management	60		90		30 s	students
2	Learning	Outcomes / Compete	ences					
	Knowing and Understanding Students know and understand the principle concepts and techniques of strategic management.  Applying They gain expertise in applying these concepts and techniques to real-world situations.  Analysing and Evaluating They are able to analyse cases from the international company world and apply their knowledge of concepts and analytical tools to strategic problems. They are able to critically assess different methods to solve problems.  Transferring, Generating and Developing						lge of concepts and olve problems.	
	op their o	capacity to think in te	rms of a genera	l manage	ement pers <sub>l</sub>			,
	This module deepens the students' understanding of strategic management. In particular, their own studies enables them to go beyond "standard" knowledge and acquire advanced analytical skills.  Social competence They develop their capacity to work in cross-cultural teams and to present the working results of the team. They improve their abilities in formulating, presenting and defending arguments and opinions.  Self-management They train their capabilities of self-management and reflect their own contribution to the team success.							
3	Contents  Introduction to Strategic Management (Basic Strategic Management Concepts, Corporate Governance, Social Responsibility)  Scanning the Environment (external: mainly industry analysis; organisational analysis, mainly resources and capabilities)  Strategy Formulation (Business and Corporate Strategy (incl. Global Strategies), Strategic Choice)  Strategy Implementation and Control  Other Strategy Issues (e.g. Managing Technology and Innovation, Strategic issues in Entrepreneurial Ventures and Small Businesses; Strategic issues for Non-for-Profit Organisations)						y resources and oice)	
4	Teaching				0	,		
			on assioned ca	se studie	os: Own rece	earch on companies to l	e nr	esented in class
5	Prerequis		Con assigned Ca	sc studit	, OWII 1ESC	caren on companies to t	ve hr	Control III Class.
	none							



6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class.
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written examination (90 minutes, 70%) and presentation (30%)
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Minimum of 50% of total assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
	subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Grant; Johnson/Whittington) and journal articles.
	Seminal journal articles are recommended for reading. In addition, students are provided with a list of leading management journals and leading consultancies and encouraged to engage in own literature research. A detailed
	list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on the application of theories and analytical tools in case studies.



Int	International Corporate Finance							
Modu	le Code	Workload	Credits	Semester		Frequency		Durat <b>ion</b>
964-60	0252	150 hrs	5	2		once per year (summ	er)	1 semester
Modul	le Owner: Pro	ı of. Dr. Markus He	hn	1				1
1	Classes		Class Con	tact Hours	Private	Study Hours	Plar	nned Group Size
	Internation Finance	aal Corporate	60		90		30 s	tudents
2	Learning O	utcomes / Compe	etences		,			
				mension of c	corporate	finance, in particular	in the	e framework of
	1 '	'		•		o stylised and real-wor Iltinational companies.		ses. In contrast to
	They are ab	and Evaluating ble to analyse case orporate finance.	s from the in	ternational (	company	world and apply their	know	vledge of theories to
	Transferring, Generating and Developing  They are able to transfer their knowledge and analytical tools to unknown cases in changing environments.  They develop skills needed to integrate the tools into the firm's Risk Management and to transfer knowledge on exchange rate risks acquired in the International Business Environment and Export Management modules to the issues debated in this class. They are able to use this capacity for deducting hypotheses for student research projects.					ransfer knowledge anagement mod-		
	This modul			-		re. It, such, broadens th rporate finance issues.		idents' perspective.
		-		, 1	,	hancing social compet ises and cases.	ence	may be achieved
	Self-manag	ement						
3	Contents							
	The global financial environment Foreign exchange theory and markets Foreign exchange exposure							
		the global firm restments and ope	erations					



4	Teaching Forms
	Each class is divided in three core parts:
	Traditional lecture
	Students' work on case studies
	Student's presentation
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written examination (90 minutes, 70%) and presentation of team assignment (30%)
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Minimum of 50% of the overall assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA)
	– subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Eiteman et al.; Shapiro and Moles) and journal
	articles. In addition, students are provided with a list of case studies. A detailed list of reading assignments is
	provided in the syllabus.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on assigned case studies.



International Marketing								
Module Code Workload		Workload	Credits	Semester		Frequency		Duration
964-60253 150 hrs		5	2		once per year (summer)		1 semester	
Module	Module Owner: Prof. Dr. Claudia Hensel							
1	Classes		Class Contact Hours		Private Study Hours		Planned Group Size	
	International Marketing		60		90		30 students	

#### Knowing and Understanding

Students know and understand the principle concepts and techniques of international marketing. They understand how the links between international marketing environment, strategy and functional aspects of marketing influence the international organisation's decision making.

# Applying

They gain expertise in applying these concepts and techniques to real-world situations.

#### Analysing and Evaluating

They are able to analyse cases from the international company world and apply their knowledge of concepts and analytical tools to international marketing problems. They are able to critically assess different methods of problem solutions. They explore ways of segmenting markets, appreciate different research techniques.

#### Transferring, Generating and Developing

They integrate knowledge and skills already acquired from other modules in the Masters programme. They develop their capacity to think in terms of a strategic marketing perspective.

#### Broadening vs. Deepening

This module deepens the students' understanding of strategic marketing. In particular, their own research enables them to go beyond "standard" knowledge and acquire advanced analytical skills. On the other hand, the module broadens the perspective by adding the international perspective.

#### Social competence

They develop their capacity to work in cross-cultural teams and to present the working results of the team. They improve their abilities in formulating, presenting and defending arguments and opinions. They scrutinize companies' decisions with respect to ethical questions and become sensible to ethical issues in research and business.

#### Self-management

They train their capabilities of self-management and reflect their own contribution to the team success. In particular, they train their ability in extracting and condensing information from different sources.

#### 3 Contents

#### Assessing the volatile global environment

Dilemma of standardisation versus localisation strategies

Global marketing research (Explorative and conclusive research; ethical issues)

Cultural diversity and marketing

#### Market entry strategies

Designing the global marketing programme (international product decisions, global branding; international price decisions, international distribution decisions; communication tools in the international context)

Marketing planning (complexity, forecasting, scenarios, formulating strategies)



4	Teaching Forms
	Seminar-style class; team work on assigned case studies; class discussions and presentations
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Student paper and student team presentation
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Misimum (FOO) of the language
0	Minimum of 50% of total assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
	subject to class size limitations
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	5 of 110
11	Further Information
	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to read assigned book chapters and journal articles prior to class. There is no single text
	book recommended but a variety of sources recommended.
	A significant part of the learning process is based on the application of theories and analytical tools in case stud-
	ies. A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.



Module Code		Workload	Credits	Semest	er	Frequency		Duration		
964-60254		150 hrs	5	2		once per year (summer)		1 semester		
Module Owner: Prof. Dr. Timothy Kau						/	1			
1	Classes		T	Class Contact Hours Private Study l		udy Hours Planned (		nned Group Size		
	Internation	International Business Law			120			30 students		
2	Learning C	International Business Law 30 120 30 students  Learning Outcomes / Competences								
	Knowing a	nd Understandin	σ							
			~	sis of cross-b	order con	itracts, in particular the	e exp	ort contract. Thev		
						ntion on the Internatio	_	•		
		~	•			rivate arbitration (New				
		ade terms and L/		11	1	`		,		
	Applying									
		They apply their knowledge to export contracts.								
	Analysing a	Analysing and Evaluating								
	, ,	They are able to analyse export cases with the aim of identifying problematic parts. They are not able to replace								
	1 '	the analysis of a lawyer but develop a basic understanding of the basic legal system.								
	Transferring, Generating and Developing									
		They transfer part of this knowledge to the cases and issues analysed in the Export Management module.								
	Broadening vs. Deepening									
		This module broadens the students' understanding of international business.								
	Social com	Social competence								
		They increase their capacity of inter-disciplinary work.								
		Self-management								
	/									
3	Contents									
	Forms of In	Forms of International Business Transactions; challenges of conducting trans-border business, overview of inter-								
	national in	national institutions and treaties governing international business transactions								
	_	The export contract under German law, EU regulations, the Vienna Convention on the International Sales of								
	Goods	Goods								
	Arbitration									
	<del>-  </del>	rade Terms and I	Payment Condit	ions from a l	egal persp	pective	-			
1	Teaching F	orms								
		Seminar-style class								
5	Prerequisit	es								
	none									
ó	Rules of At	tendance								
	Students	re supposed to na	rticipate activel	v in class: no	o formal a	ttendance policy appli	ed			



Form and Scope of Assessment
Written examination (120 minutes)
Requirements for Credit Award
Minimum of 50% of total assessment
Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
subject to class size limitations
Relative weight of the module for final grade
5 of 110
Further Information
Type of Reading Assignment:
Students are required to use a standard text book (for example Carr). Additional material (contracts, rules) and a detailed list of reading assignments are provided in the syllabus.



Export Management								
Module Code Workload Credits Semester Frequency Duration								Duration
964-60	255	150 hrs 5 2			once per year (summer)		1 semester	
Module	Module Owner: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schüle							
1	Classes		Class Contact Ho	Hours Private Stud		y Hours	Planned Group Size	
	Export Management		30		120		30 students	
	Export Mai	iagement	30		120	,	30 stude	=111.5

# Knowing and Understanding

Students know and understand the principle concepts and export techniques.

#### Applying

They gain expertise in applying these concepts and techniques to real-world situations.

#### Analysing and Evaluating

They are able to analyse cases from the international company world and apply their knowledge of concepts and analytical tools to export problems. They are able to critically assess different methods of problem solutions.

#### Transferring, Generating and Developing

They integrate knowledge and skills already acquired from other modules (in particular International Marketing, International Business Law, International Corporate Finance). They design solution patterns to standard problems and appreciate the issues of "non-standard" problems in (export and import) trade.

# Broadening vs. Deepening

This module, on the one hand, broadens the students' knowledge by adding an operational component to the rather strategy-orientated programme structure. On the other hand, it deepens their understanding of international business by applying an 'interdisciplinary approach' in which many aspects learned in different modules are combined in practical problems. Thus, students identify how legal aspects taught in International Business Law, policy-related issues and exchange rate related risks discussed in International Business Environment and International Corporate Finance, as well as Marketing aspects form the framework in which the daily export/import business is carried out.

#### Social competence

They further develop their capacity to work in cross-cultural teams and to present the working results of the team. They improve their abilities in formulating, presenting and defending arguments and opinions.

#### Self-management

They train their capabilities of time management and reflect their own contribution to the team success.



3	Contents
	Forms of export / import activities (direct/indirect; countertrade, turn-key, export flows in PPP) Transport modes, trade terms (Incoterms), and customs issues: legal and economic viewpoints Trade risk and trade finance - analysis of cases and a critical assessment of function and cost:
	transport and other forms of insurance contracts
	documentary collection and different L/C forms
	bonds and guarantees
	export credit insurance, factoring, and forfaiting
	hedging exchange rate risk
4	Teaching Forms
	Seminar-style class; team work on assigned case studies
5	Prerequisites
	none
6	Rules of Attendance
	Students are supposed to participate actively in class; no formal attendance policy applied
7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	Written examination (120 minutes), may be supplemented with student presentations
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Minimum of 50% of total assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The module is open to Erasmus students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA) –
10	subject to class size limitations  Relative weight of the module for final grade
10	
11	5 of 110 Further Information
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	Type of Reading Assignment:
	Students are required to use standard text books (for example Grath, Luk) and publications of international institutions (ICC, international banks).
	The class is designed such that the students acquire knowledge by reading the books and learn about problems arising in daily business by working on stylised case studies. Experts from chambers, banks, and export credit agencies contribute to the 'class'.
	A detailed list of reading assignments is provided in the syllabus.



Option I-V									
Module	Module Code Workload Credits Semester Frequency Duration								
964-60301-		150 hrs	5	3		_		1 semester	
964-60305									
Module	Module Owners: Prof. Dr. Porath and Board of examiners, in charge of credit transfer								
1	Classes		Class Contact Ho	Iours Private S		Private Study Hours		Planned Group Size	
Option I–V		45	105		30 students				

Students are supposed to attend the Hochschule's "study abroad fair" (typically organised in November) and to discuss their choice of the partner university with the course leader and the programme manager during the first semester. The application must be submitted to the International Office by December 8th.

The selection of the partner university may be the result of many reasons. We recommend to consider the following aspects:

- The partner universities' academic strengths: As the first year of the programme consists of a general introduction into international business, students have no opportunity to select any functional or sector-specific specialisation. The study abroad period offers this chance. At most of the partner universities, students may use the possibility of specialising either in a certain field of management or in a specific industry (see a list of examples below).
- The cultural experience: Some countries are culturally so remote that the study abroad serves more as a cultural experience. Spending a semester at the partner universities in Albania, Ethiopia, Japan, Thailand, and Latin America enables students to become familiar with the particularities of doing business there however, typically on cost of the academic specialisation. This may be an attractive option for students wishing to become specialists in a certain world region depending on their language skills, previous academic and work experience.
- The double degree option: Some of the partner universities award their degree in addition to the Hochschule Mainz degree. In order to fulfil the degree requirements of both universities, students are obliged to take a limited selection of modules during their one-year-stay at the partner university. "Earning" the double degree may offset the disadvantage of giving up specialisation opportunities. Examples are the MBA degree in the United States and depending on the students' goals the degree opportunities in France, Italy, and Latin America which all require proficiency in the host country's language. Students, who select modules which are taught in English exclusively, should rather consider a functional specialisation than the double degree.
- Tuition fee: All non-Anglo-Saxon partner universities provide tuition-free study abroad opportunities to MA.IB students. Partner universities in Australia, the UK, and the United States, however, charge tuition fees. They range from an annual EUR 4,500 fee in Aberdeen to EUR 6,000 in Melbourne and EUR 10,000 in the United States. Tuition fees are subject to change and must be checked on the partner university's home page.
- It is also possible to spend the third semester as "free mover" at a non-partner university. In this case, the students are required to provide the course leader and the Board of Examiners with all relevant information of the intended studies prior to the stay abroad.



Partner universities' academic strength and opportunities to specialise: Students are supposed to check the availability of modules on the home pages of the partner universities. Many provide students with the opportunity to specialise. Examples are:

Coastal Carolina University:

MBA with specialisation in Marketing or Auditing. OPT opportunity (visa for 9 months paid employment) after graduation.

ESCE, Paris:

Specialisations are available in Export Management, Luxury Goods Marketing, Global Marketing, International Finance, and Supply Chain Management.

ISC, Paris:

Besides the typical specialisations in Marketing and Finance, the school offers a 'major' in Marketing of Luxury Goods – often combined with internship opportunities in companies like L'Oréal – and Marketing in Creative Industries. Even though not officially named a specialisation, students may select five options in the field of Leadership, Organisational Behaviour, and Project Management.

Karlstad University:

Specialisation in Services Industries combined with Accounting, Finance, Marketing

Pfeiffer University, Charlotte:

MBA with specialisation in Organisational Development. The strength of the school's programme is the inclusion of a (paid) internship in the U.S. subsidiary of a German company. OPT opportunity (visa for 9 months paid employment) after graduation.

Robert Gordon-University, Aberdeen:

Amongst others, specialisations offered in Tourism and Hospitality Management, Corporate Communication and Public Affairs, Fashion Management, Project Management, Purchasing and Supply Chain Management. If students opt for a fifth semester, all specialisations are possible in combination with a double degree.

London Southbank University:

Amongst others, specialisations in Marketing and Consumer Behaviour, Human Resources Management.

Swinburne University, Melbourne:

Amongst others, specialisations in Accounting, Marketing and Brand Management.

VSE, Prague:

Amongst others, Management in Central and Eastern Europe, Logistics, Marketing and Consumer Behaviour.



Mas	ster The	esis							
Modul	Module Code Worklo		Credits	Semester		Frequency		Duration	
964-60	964-60451 900 hrs		30	4		_		5 months	
Modul	e Owners: "T	Γhesis facilitator";	in case of credit t	ransfer:	Prof. Dr. Po	orath and Boar	d of 1	Examiners	
1	1 Classes		Class Contact H	ours	Private Study Hours		Plar	nned Group Size of Seminar	
	Master Thesis		30	870			5 students		
2	Learning O	outcomes / Compe	tences						
	Students ar	oply hard and soft:	skills to a real-wor	·ld prob	lem and ana	alvse – usuallv	in fo	rm of desk and field	
	_			-				nesis in cooperation with	
			,			, ,		k in which they analyse a	
	problem no	ot yet researched o	r not yet research	ed in th	is particular	form.		, ,	
	Students m	av be supervised b	v a professor of th	ne host	or the home	university or,	ideal	ly, by a team composed of	
		of the home and h	, -			, ,		1	
3	Contents of	f the thesis semina	r						
	In the thesi	is seminars, a grou	p of around five st	tudents	meet regula	arly (face-to-fac	ce or	with the help of a	
	video-confe	erence system, for	example Adobe C	onnect	) with the su	pervisor (thes	is fac	cilitator). In these meetings	
	, -		-		,			ical framework. They criti-	
	cally discus	s and defend the c	hosen methodolo	gy and	related issue	es, and present	prel	iminary results.	
4	Teaching Fo	orms							
	See above								
5	Prerequisites								
	none								
6	Rules of At	tendance							
	Students are supposed to participate actively; no formal attendance policy applied								



7	Form and Scope of Assessment
	The thesis facilitator and a second examiner assess the paper according to the following criteria:
	• Formal and logical structure (research problem identified; research objectives adequate; layout and contents presented logically)
	• Methodology of the study (awareness of various methods; appropriate method applied; appropriateness of statistical techniques – if applicable – and other analytical techniques)
	• Knowledge of theories / literature (knowledge of theories and publications; currency with discussion in the field)
	• Core research results (application of theory; application of research data; presentation of data and non-data results)
	• Recommendations and conclusions (logical/consistent with research results? Limitations of study discussed? Indication of further research needs?)
	• Sources and referencing (appropriate mix of books, journal articles, and other sources? Use of footnotes appropriate? Referencing correct and appropriate? Use of appendices appropriate? List of references appropriate?
	Language and clarity of thought
8	Requirements for Credit Award
	Minimum of 50% of total assessment
9	Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
	The thesis seminar may be composed of MA.IB students and students of the German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA).
10	Relative weight of the module for final grade
	30 of 110
11	Further Information
	This module description refers to the Hochschule Mainz requirements only. In case of double-degree arrangements, students may have to complete the additional requirement of an oral defence. This is the case if the students write the thesis at the following partner universities:
	• Addis Ababa University
	• Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur (ESCE), Paris
	• Institut Supérieur du Commerce (ISC), Paris
	• Università degli Studi, Brescia
	• University of Economics, Prague
	University of Karlstad
	• Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales, Buenos Aires



Applied Project								
Module Code Workload Credits Semester Frequency Duration								
964-60380 300 hrs		10	1-4		1	2 months		
Module	Module Owners: Prof. Dr. Daniel Porath; Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schüle							
1	Classes		Class Contact	t Hours Private Stu		dy Hours	Planned Group Size	
	Applied Project		30		270		10 students	

## Learning outcomes

Students understand the relevance of the other taught modules for practical business problems. They are able to apply and critically assess individual issues learnt in the other modules for specific situations in business.

# Competences

The applied project is supposed to enhance all key competences, in particular self-management, team ability, conflict management, presentation skills, ability to think and reflect own activities' critically, and the application of decision making skills. Depending on the type of project, it also trains the student's rhetoric capability, media literacy, and empathy.

It is not the professional activity only which contributes to the enhancement of these competences but the necessity to reflect the activity and critically assess the experience in a paper which additionally must be presented in a seminar. Moreover, participation in the seminar enhances the critical awareness while listening to the presentation and discussing the experience of fellow students.



3 Contents

The applied project is made of three parts

- 1) Project work (270 hours)
- 2) Written report (25 hours)
- 3) Presentation (5 hours)
- 1) The project work may be
- a full-time internship (placement) within an internationally active company. Minimum length: eight weeks. The student's work must be related to international business contents.
- a part-time employment position with an internationally active company during the semester, for example as "Werkstudent". The requirements are as described in the context of the full-time internship.

Students must present a certificate issued by the company which gives evidence of the placement / employment, the total work load, and its major contents, to the programme manager.

- 2) The written report is a written piece of work (3,500 to 4,500 words) which includes information on the company's business, a description of the student's work in the company, and an analysis in which the student relates her/his work experience to the concepts and theories taught in economics and business management classes.
- 3) The presentation takes place in one of the five seminars organised per semester.

In the exceptional case that students fail to find a company for the above-mentioned applied project, the Board of Examiners may assign an extended case study as applied project. The student must work 270 hours on this project; upon completion of the case research, the student must

- submit a paper of 6,000 to 8,000 words. If the extended case is written in a team of students, the paper must be of 10,000 to 12,000 words' length,
- present and "defend" the report in one of five seminars organised per semester.

The course management regards the extended case study as a "second-best solution" and approves this option in extremely rare cases only.

Please note that Internships and part-time work must have taken place during the time the student is enrolled in the MA.IB programme. For incoming DD students, this includes the time period they were enrolled in the respective Masters programme of their home university.

4 Teaching Forms

See above

5 Prerequisites

none

6 Rules of Attendance

No formal attendance policy applied.

7 Form and Scope of Assessment

Applied projects are marked as "pass" or "fail". Other marks are not applied. Assessment is based on the criteria problem identification/objectives, logical structure, appropriateness of the chosen research method (if applicable), application of theories, description and analysis of contents, critical reflection, use of appropriate statistics, and presentation of results. In case of a "fail", the report (the case study, respectively) must be re-submitted in the following semester.



Requirements for Credit Award
Minimum of 50% of total assessment
Module Integration (open to students of other Master courses)
The presentation of the report takes place in form of a seminar session. This session is open to students of the
German-Argentine Master programme (MA.AA).
Relative weight of the module for final grade
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Further Information
Students with no work experience are encouraged to take an additional semester for doing a six-month internship, ideally after their stay abroad.
The programme management provides students with company and alumni contacts (around 400 contacts in Xing and LinkedIn, thereof more than 100 being "active"). In order to keep the contacts "active", the MA.IB management contacts company partners and alumni regularly (once a year), invites them to guest lectures and to meet with students. In 2015, a six-hour "International Day" was organised on a Saturday as a combination of "home coming" alumni day and "internship" fair.