

Module Layout ISM700 / Master Thesis

Faculty	FEM	Faculty of Economics and Management	
Programme of Study	ISM	MSc International Shipping Management	
Module	ISM700	Master Thesis	
Level of Study	Undergraduate	Graduate	
		Master	Doctoral
		✓	
Language of Instruction	English		
Mode of Delivery	Distance Learning		
Module Type	Required	Electives	
	✓		
Number of Group Consulting Meetings	Total	Physical Presence	Online
	6	-	6
Number of Assignments	-		
Final Grade Calculation	Final Thesis	Final Presentation	Weekly Activities
	60%	40%	-
Number of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	20		

Module Description

The module ISM700 – Master Thesis is designed to equip students with the essential training required for conducting advanced research in the fields of finance, management, and shipping. Serving as a foundation for high-level academic work, this module prepares students to undertake a comprehensive dissertation on a topic of their choice, allowing them to explore a relevant and impactful issue within the shipping, management, and/or finance sectors. Through the research process, students will gain proficiency in identifying, reviewing, and critically analysing both academic and non-academic literature and in understanding theoretical frameworks applicable to their research focus.

This module provides students with the skills to develop, justify, and implement a research methodology, manage their research timeline, and utilize appropriate data analysis techniques. Students will engage in an in-depth examination of data specific to international shipping and finance, synthesizing their findings to address research questions and propose innovative solutions. By comparing diverse methodologies and ensuring ethical research practices, students will be well-prepared to communicate their results clearly, both in writing and in oral presentations, thus building a strong foundation for a successful dissertation that contributes original insights to the field.

Pre-requisite Modules

ISM523	Research Methods in Shipping
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Co-requisite Modules

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Grading Scheme

Assessment Method	Percentage on Final Grade	Workload	
		Hours	ECTS
Weekly Study	0%	250-300	10
Master Thesis	60%	175-210	7
Final Individual Presentation	40%	75-90	3
Total	100%	500-600	20

Grading Rules and Assessment methods

- Students are evaluated with 9, if they earn 90% of the possible grade, i.e. $90\% \times 10 = 9$, etc.
- Passing rate
 - 50% from the Master Thesis
 - 50% from the Final Individual Presentation

If a student earns a grade with decimal points, then it is rounded to the nearest half unit.