

### Course ID

### Research Seminars in Finance

#### 1. Course details

Semesters:	1
Credit rating:	2 ECTS
Teaching units	60
Pre-requisite(s):	-
Lecturers:	Professor Roman Kräussl (30 TU) Professor Thorsten Lehnert (30 TU)
Administrator:	-
Secretary:	Roswitha Glorieux

Seminar times and rooms: See plan of semester  
LSF

**Communications** It is important that students should regularly read their University e-mails, as important information will normally be communicated this way.

Reading week: -  
Mode of assessment: Class Participation & Presentations

Additional work: TBA

Examination Periods: -

Course WebPage: [Moodle.uni.lu](http://Moodle.uni.lu)

## 2. Aims and objectives

### Aims

The course will cover a number of significant issues bearing on the theories and empirical research of modern finance. These issues, in turn, have important impacts and implications for the individual economic agents, the financial markets and institutions and for the regulators.

The course will be organized around a series of about 15 seminars presented by invited external speakers and by the student participants themselves. More specifically, the course will include:

- Attending the regular finance seminars
- Meetings with the seminar speaker
- Preparing a 2 page critical review of each presented paper
- Discussing in class the presented papers and exploring possible extensions
- Presentations of ongoing research work by the student and subsequent discussions

### Learning Objectives

Based on material from recent academic studies in finance, students attending the course will be able to:

- Identify key areas and topics of modern academic research in finance
- Familiarize themselves with up-to-date research methodologies and data sources
- Cast a critical eye on the weaknesses and strengths of modern finance studies + develop abilities for independent research
- Explore possible new research questions/ideas
- Develop and refine skills for framing research questions, and organizing and presenting research proposals

## 3. Plan of semester Thursdays 11h15 to 12h 12h30 to 15h

	Dates	Room	Time	Topic	Deadlines
	13/9	LSF			-
	20/9				-
	27/9				-
	04/10				-
	11/10				-
	18/10				-
	25/10				-
	8/11				-
	15/11				-
	22/11				-
	29/11				-
	06/12				-
	13/12				-
	20/12				-
	27/12				-

## 4. Course details (by topics)

**The content and background material** comes mainly from recent ongoing research projects and policy discussions as they emerge overtime in the relevant literature. Heavy use is made of background material available via the references/bibliography of published research papers. Additional subjects on research methodology; presentation skills etc are also covered.

**The logistical arrangements** will be as follows:

Students will meet with the seminar speaker and attend the regular finance seminars that take place typically on Thursdays 12:30-13:45. Students have to prepare a discussion of the presented paper covering the paper's main contributions, strengths, weaknesses and possible research extensions. Each student will be presenting his/her ongoing research work, which will be discussed in class.

## **5. Further information about assessment**

Class Participation & Presentations:

Students are expected to attend at least 80% of the meetings. Students will be evaluated based on their active participation during the meetings and the quality of their presentations.

The course will be **graded** on a pass/fail basis.