

DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Lahti University of Applied Sciences
Faculty of Business Studies

Degree

Tradenomi, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

Duration

210 ect, 3.5 years

Learning objectives

The studies are focusing to developing experts with generic working life competencies as well as programme based competences, that are needed to manage versatile demanding tasks in the future business life. Generic competences are communication and co-operation skills, abstract, analytical and critical thinking, research and development skills, entrepreneurial thinking, learning skills and self-efficacy as well as ethical responsibility. Degree Programme for International Business puts emphasis especially on international business environment awareness, intercultural adaptability and communication skills as well as international operations management.

Objectives

The programme aims at providing the students with the qualifications and skills needed to work independently, creatively and effectively in positions requiring expertise in international business management and logistics.

This work requires solid knowledge of the international theories of economy. At the same time the programme has a practical orientation: students will have 30 ect of practical training during their time of studies. One objective of the programme is to give the students an education well balanced between theory and practise.

The programme emphasises the international aspect and the importance of language skills. Graduates will easily adapt to work with people from different countries, as they are trained to understand other business cultures. As most of the courses are given in English, students have a unique opportunity to improve their language skills while studying in Finland. The exchange students will be attending the courses given in English, giving their own input to the international atmosphere.

The Faculty of Business Studies of Lahti University of Applied Sciences has exchange with over 30 universities around the world and all students have either to work or study abroad.

DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Studies	Year					
	1	2	3	4	Σ	
BASIC STUDIES	64 ECTS					64
Common Basic Studies					14	
01PSUO Suomen kieli ja viestintä, Basics of Finnish ¹⁾	4				4	
01PRUO Ruotsin kieli (Swedish) Basics of Finnish ¹⁾	3				3	
01PENG English	3				3	
01PENT Entrepreneurship		4			4	
Programme Basic Studies					50	
04BUS601 Learning Process	1				1	
Business Process					26	
04BUS602/1 Innovations, Teamwork and Projects	4					
04BUS602/2 Human Resources	4					
04BUS602/3 Financial Management	4					
04BUS602/4 Customer Relations and Marketing	4					
04BUS602/5 Logistics	4					
04BUS602/6 Operational Business Environments/ Basics of Economics	3					
04BUS602/7 Operational Business Environments/ Legal Environment	3					
Operational Tools					10	
04BUS603/1 Texts, spreadsheets and presentation graphics	6					
04BUS603/2 Business and Financial Mathematics	4					
Communication					13	
04LII604/1 Yritysviestintä (Finnish), Finnish for Foreigners ²⁾		4				
04ENG503 Presentation Skills (English)	3					
04ENG02 Business Contacts (English)		3				
Elective Language		3				
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES	86 ECTS					86
Value Chain Management					20	
04IBU601/1 Accounting		4				
04IBU601/2 Transport		4				
04IBU601/3 Production Operations		4				
04IBU601/4 Distribution		4				
04IBU601/5 Portfolio / Development Project			4			
International Business					26	
04IBU602/1 Basics of Internationalisation		3				
04IBU602/2 International Economics		4				
04IBU602/3 International Finance		4				
04IBU602/4 International Marketing		5				
04IBU602/5 Import/Export Procedures		4				
04IBU504E Business in Europe ³⁾		3				
04IBU506E Business in Asia ³⁾		3				
04IBU505E Business in Russia ³⁾ , 6 ects to be chosen ³⁾		3				
Orientation to Research		5	5		10	
04TUT601E Analyses Methods		5				
04TUT602E Quantitative Methods and Reporting ^{4)optional}			5			
04TUT603E Qualitative Methods and Reporting ^{4)optional}			5			
Elective Languages					15	
Advanced Studies					15	
04IBU604/1 Special Issues of International Marketing			5			
04IBU604/2 Special Issues of International Logistics			5			
04IBU604/3 Special Issues of International Supply Chain			5			
ELECTIVE STUDIES	15 ECTS					15
PRACTICAL TRAINING	30 ECTS					30
THESIS				15	15	
TOTAL	210 ECTS					

¹⁾ Foreign students: Survival Finnish, Finnish Basic I and Finnish Basic II

²⁾ Foreign students: Finnish for Foreigners

³⁾ 6 ects to be chosen of these options

⁴⁾ Options: Quantitative or Qualitative Methods

COMMON BASIC STUDIES 14 ECTS

The common basic studies form a basis on which all professional and optional studies are constructed. They aim at offering the students a common ground in their studies and at preparing them for working life and self-development.

The common basic studies orientate the students towards other studies which concentrate on specialised professional skills. Common basic studies, 14 ects, consist of courses which are compulsory to all native Finnish students. Any course within the common basic studies can be compensated by an equivalent course with entirely or partially same content taken in another university. Before compensation a proof for taking the course elsewhere must be submitted.

01PSUO SUOMEN KIELI JA VIESTINTÄ 3 OP 01PINFO INFORMAATIOLUKUTAITO 1OP

Toteutetaan Lahden ammattikorkeakoulun yleisen suunnitelman mukaisesti.

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VIERAS KIELI JA VIESTINTÄ 3 OP (01PENG)

Learning objectives

The student

- knows the necessary basic business vocabulary
- can manage in written and oral communication situations needed in professional studies and at work
- masters the main grammatical structures in the context of everyday business functions
- understands the basics of business English including the terminology and concepts

Contents

- education and training for business
- jobs and employment, changes in working life, the job application process
- the route from raw materials to commodities
- entrepreneurship, various types of establishment, company profiles
- wholesaling and retailing
- international trade

Prerequisites

Advanced level in English

Assessment

Course work and exam, portfolio, compulsory class attendance.

Materials

Airas, P. & Junkkari, T. 1998. New Business Friend 1. WSOY, Porvoo

01PRUO RUOTSIN KIELI 3 OP

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01ENTR1 INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP 4 ECTS

Target group

The students of the Degree programme in International Business in their first year.

Objective and contents

The students get acquainted with entrepreneurship as an option to wage work and as a life strategy. The course gives facilities to plan and evaluate business ideas. The student gets to reflect on his/her personal capabilities for running a business, but also on general conditions and obstacles in business life. The course deals with basic concepts of entrepreneurship, business plan and business idea.

Assessment

Active participation in lectures. Individual and group exercises, business plan, written exam.

Materials

Will be handed during lectures.

PROGRAMME BASIC STUDIES 50 ECTS

04BUS601 LEARNING PROCESS 1 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student gets acquainted with different learning methods, which are to be used in different implementations during the studies.

Contents

Learning styles, assessment of own learning, getting acquainted with different problem centered learning methods, project learning, case method, Problem Based Learning

Assessment

Contact lessons, learning assignments, Information skills test

Materials

Materials to be given and announced during the lessons

Business Process 26 ects

04BUS602/1 INNOVATIONS, TEAMWORK AND PROJECTS 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- learns to work in teams. The student knows how to operate as a team member or as a team leader
- obtains the basic skills to work within a project team and also to manage a project.
- knows the basic methods of innovative thinking and knows how to apply them
- understands how to create innovative working culture within organizations

Contents

- Theory and practice of team work
- Participation into a project and project management
- Innovative thinking and acting
- Encouraging innovations

Assessment

-Participation to contact lessons and learning assignments

Materials

- Materials to be given and announced during the lessons

04BUS602/2 HUMAN RESOURCES 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The aim of the course is to provide the participants with necessary skills for managing and maintaining a performance based human resources in contemporary multicultural and multinational organizations.

Contents

Main attention will be paid onto the following issues: Strategic HR planning, recruitment, selection, orientation, training & development, career planning, job design, motivation, wage administration, rewards & benefits, employee relationship, collective bargaining, dispute resolution, disciplinary measures, building performance based HR, international issues in HRM

Assessment

Active participation to the course, course paper and test

Materials

De Cenzo & Robbins 2002. Human Resource Management. John Wiley & Sons, Inc, New York.

04BUS602/3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- understands financial information and financial management as part of corporate operations
- gets to know the different areas of accounting
- is able to examine the profitability of companies using marginal costing -technique
- learns how to set prices to products and produce budgets
- acquires the skills to use calculations in decision making

Contents

- financial management as part of corporate operations
- cost concepts

- cost-volume-profit analysis
- financial ratios
- marginal costing
- pricing decisions
- budgeting

Assessment

Individual assignment, written exam

Materials

Materials to be given and announced during the lessons

04BUS602/4 CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND MARKETING 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student understands the value of customer oriented thinking in corporations, knows the basic concepts and tools of marketing and is able to pursue them in a business context.

Contents

Customer oriented approach in business

Marketing environments

Customer relationship marketing

Consumer behaviour and purchasing process

Marketing mix: product, price, place, promotion.

Assessment

Contact lectures, exam, course work

Materials

Kotler, P, Armstrong, G. 2004. Principles of Marketing.

04BUS602/5 LOGISTICS 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows the role of the logistics operations in a company
- understands the importance and opportunities of logistics from the point of view of a company's operational and financial returns
- knows how to use the most common tools of logistics planning and management: forecasting, inventory turn-over, ABC-analysis, optimising the size of delivery
- knows the stages of a purchasing process
- understands the terms of delivery as an important part of the purchasing contract

Contents

- logistics activities
- methods of planning and controlling
- purchasing process
- terms of delivery

Assessment

- lessons, course work, open book test

Materials

- learning package

04BUS602/6 OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS/ BASICS OF ECONOMICS 3 ECTS

Learning objectives

Student

- understands that "everything depends on everything" in the economy
- is familiar with the basic concepts of consumer and producer theory
- understands how the market mechanism functions
- understands the basic nature of economic fluctuations
- knows the basic reasons and consequences of unemployment and inflation
- understands the basic idea of economic policy

Contents

Basic concepts (of micro and macro economics)

Different competition models

Circulation model

Unemployment and inflation

Economic fluctuations in Finland

Basic ideas of fiscal – monetary policy

Assessment

Lectures, learning diary, exam

Materials

Sloman, J. 2004, Essentials of Economics. Pearson Education. England

04BUS602/7 OPERATIONAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS/ LEGAL ENVIRONMENT 3 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student learns

- how the Finnish legal order operates and what does it consist
- to see, how the law of business operations works with regard drafting, interpreting and supplementing contracts.
- the breaches of contract and available remedies
- how to act on contractual issues and how to solve interpretational and other cases
- the way to be an active company representative who acts correctly in practical contract law situations.

Contents

The contents of the course are the basics of the Finnish legal order, basics of legal proceedings and the Finnish contract law.

Assessment

Lectures, group tasks, cases, exam

Course grading will be based on the exam. Receiving 50% of the exam points will be the minimum for passing the course. Excellent questions/case session activity will affect exam grading positively. Excellent activity means doing all the questions/cases in advance and being active when the questions/cases are being processed together with the entire class.

Materials

Lectures and assignments form the main study Materials. As supporting Materials: Surakka, Aapo: Access to Finnish Law, latest edition, pages 1-72.

Operational Tools 10 ects

04BUS603/1 TEXTS, SPREADSHEETS AND PRESENTATION GRAPHICS 6 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows how to use business applications software in common business situations.

Contents

The course deals with the basic techniques of word-processing programmes and document production, pc's databases and spreadsheet calculation and how to use them in most common business situations.

Assessment

Participation in contact teaching, exercises and exam

04BUS603/2 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows how to use the most common tools of business mathematics in business life
- understand the importance of the financial mathematics

Contents

The course deals with percentage and interest calculations with their applications, index numbers, foreign currencies, compound interest, periodic payments, credits and loans, pricing and securities.

The examples and exercises are linked to business life.

Assessment

Participation in contact teaching, exercises and exam.

Materials

Pulkkinen, P., Holopainen M. & Keinänen K. 2001. Business Mathematics. 2.edition. CS Care & Share

Communication 13 ects

04LII604/1 YRITYSVIESTINTÄ 4 OP

Osaamistavoitteet

Opiskelija

- ymmärtää viestinnän merkityksen liiketoiminnassa tuloksenteon välineenä sekä viestinnän ja organisaatorakenteen yhteyden
- osaa toteuttaa yrityksen sisäistä viestintää ja valita viestintään tarkoituksenmukaiset keinot ja kanavat
- pystyy kirjoittamaan yrityksen kaupalliset viestit ja tiedotteet ja rakentamaan teksteillään myönteistä yrityskuvaa
- hahmottaa rekrytointiprosessin työnantajan näkökulmasta ja osaa markkinoida itseään rekrytointitilanteessa
- harjoittaa työelämän keskeisiä esiintymistaitoja
- mieltää kielen hallitsemisen työnteon välineenä ja onnistuneen viestinnän edellytyksenä

Sisältö

Yritysviestinnän periaatteet ja tehtävät, yritysviestintä maineenhallinnan osana, sisäisen viestinnän merkitys, keinot ja kanavat, kaupankäynnin tekstit ja tiedotteet sekä yrityksen rekrytointiin liittyvä viestintä.

Edeltävät opinnot

01PSUO Suomen kieli ja viestintä 4 op

Suoritustapa ja arviointi

Henkilökohtainen portfolio ja ryhmätehtävät, tentti

Opiskelumateriaali

Kortetjärvi-Nurmi, S., Kuronen, M.-L. & Ollikainen, M. 2002. Yrityksen viestintä. 3., uud.p. Edita, Helsinki. Kurssilla annettava materiaali.

Foreign languages; see the file Language Studies at Faculty of Business Studies 2007-08

04ENG503 Presentation Skills 3 ects

04ENG02 Business Contacts 3 ects

Finnish Language for Foreign Students from 2008-09 on

04SUO801E BASICS ON FINNISH 1, 4 ECTS

Learning Objectives

The student will learn

- the very basic vocabulary and phrases for common everyday situations
- to speak a little about him/herself and understand the basic phrases
- to read and write short and simple sentences

Contents

Personal data, family and living, languages, countries, nationalities, greetings, thanking, asking, basic situations in everyday life, cardinal numbers, money and units of measure, time and calendar, seasons and weather. Basic types of nouns, verb types, present tense of the verbs (positive, negative, question), basics of consonant gradation (strong-weak grade), vowel harmony, basic pronouns, cardinal numbers, imperative and conditional in basic phrases.

Assessment

Attendance and activity of the course, portfolio and the passing of the final exam.

Evaluation: 1-5.

Materials

White, L. 2007. From Start to Finnish. A Short Course in Finnish. Helsinki: Finn Lectura.
Teacher's material.

04SUO802E BASICS ON FINNISH 2, 5 ECTS

Learning Objectives

The student will learn

- to communicate in most common everyday situations
- to understand slowly and clearly spoken Finnish provided the topic and the vocabulary are connected with his/her own life and experience
- to understand the key idea of a simple message or text and to write one him/herself
- to know the most common vocabulary and some grammatical structures of Finnish

Contents

Spending free time, the most common occupations and workplaces, food and drinks, traffic and traveling, communication in everyday situations, health, sickness, dressing-up, basic adjectives and adverbs, 50 basic verbs,

partitive, genitive, nominative plural and local cases in different word types, possessive sentences, essive in time expressions, present tense of passive and object in practice.

Assessment

Attendance and activity of the course, portfolio and the passing of the final exam.

Evaluation: 1-5.

Materials

White, L. 2007. From Start to Finnish. A Short Course in Finnish. Helsinki: Finn Lectura.
Teacher's material.

04SUO803E FINNISH FOR FOREIGNERS 1, 4 ECTS

Learning Objectives

The student will learn

- the basics to cope in situations connected with his/her own field of profession
- to know the most common vocabulary and phrases used in social intercourse (informal discussion, telephone conversation etc.)
- the basics of studying and working in Finland

Contents

The Finnish understanding of time and vocabulary related to it, Finnish culture of studying and forms of studying, meaning of co-operation in studying, getting to know Finnish occupations and their requirements, work culture in Finland, telling about oneself's skills (basic skills), describing oneself's own preserve, everyday situations and vocabulary related to that, basic phrases and vocabulary to social communication. Deepening the word types and verb types in different local cases (basic verbs). Asking, advising, describing, understanding the instructions (conditional and imperative). Past tense by few basic verbs.

Assessment

Attendance and activity of the course, portfolio and the passing of the final exam.

Evaluation: 1-5.

Materials

White, L. 2007. From Start to Finnish. A Short Course in Finnish. Helsinki: Finn Lectura.
Teacher's material.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES 86 ECTS

To be completed from 2nd year on

Value Chain Management 20 ects

04IBU601/1 ACCOUNTING 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- learns basics of bookkeeping
- knows how to prepare financial statements in a small company
- understands payroll accounting
- knows the Finnish system of value-added taxation on consumption

Contents

Double-entry bookkeeping

Treatment of stocks and fixed assets

Financial statements

Annual report

Payroll accounting

Value-added taxation

Assessment

Individual assignment, written exam

Materials

Materials to be given and announced during the lessons

04IBU601/2 TRANSPORT 4 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- knows the different modes of transport
- understands the selection criteria
- knows the essential issues of transport laws

- understand the company's different role as a buyer or as a seller of transport services

Contents

The modes of transport, transport laws, the selection criteria, the concept of outsourcing.

Prerequisites

04BUS602/5, Logistics

Implementation and assessment

Lectures, learning assignments, case studies, applied exercises.

Exam 50 %, learning assignments 50 %; scale 1-5.

Learning material

Learning package

04IBU601/3 PRODUCTION OPERATIONS 4 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- knows the different modes of production
- is familiar with the phases of the process: planning the facilities, managing capacity, controlling quality, planning and scheduling resources (JIT)
- knows how to use the most common tools of production planning

Contents

The production modes, production process, JIT, tools for production planning, the interrelationships between different logistics operations.

Prerequisites

04BUS602/5, Logistics

Implementation and assessment

Lectures, learning assignments, case studies, applied exercises.

Exam 50 %, learning assignments 50 %; scale 1-5.

Learning material

Learning package.

04IBU601/4 DISTRIBUTION 4 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- knows the optional distribution channels
- understands the formation of the value chain and the possibility to build different combinations of value/supply chain partners
- knows the Finnish distribution system in some special fields of industry

Contents

The optional distribution channels both domestically and internationally

The Finnish distribution system and how to find relevant information of it

The formation of the value chain, different combinations of value chain partners

Prerequisites

04BUS602/5, Logistics

Implementation and assessment

Lectures, learning assignments, presentations, applied exercises.

Exam 50 %, learning assignments 50 %; scale 1-5.

Learning material

Learning package

04IBU601/5 PORTFOLIO/DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 4 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- is able to describe and analyze company activities (portfolio)
- is able to plan a development project in a company

Contents

Different company activities and their relationships, organizational options.

Operational options, analytical tools, project planning.

Prerequisites

Basic studies

Implementation and assessment

Resource lecture, independent group work, cooperation with companies.

Portfolio report/ development project plan in a written form and an oral presentation.

Scale 1-5.

Learning material

Case-related material.

International Business 26 ects

04IBU602/1 BASICS OF INTERNATIONALISATION 3 ECTS

Objectives

The student successfully completing the course will understand the internationalization process of a company and be able to obtain relevant information on potential market areas, to assess the impact of culture on business as well as to understand the ways of corporate internationalization.

Contents

- Elements of culture
- Cultural effects on business
- Area related information
- Modes of internationalization
- Internationalization process

Assessment

Paper 1: Write a paper about the cultural factors of developing a business in an emerging market. How is this market different and what does that mean for our business?

Paper 2: What are three alternatives to establishing operations in this market and which one would you recommend and why?

Paper 3: You are going write a recommendation for a firm about how to enter a foreign market and include what will they need to know to managing operations in the target market.

04IBU602/2 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

Student

- understands the basic concepts of economic policy
- knows the different instruments of protection
- understands what are the different levels of economic integration
- knows the basic mechanism of foreign exchange market
- is familiar with certain international agreements / institutions
- understands what it means to be a member country of EMU

Contents

- economic policy
- trade theories
- free trade vs. protection; instruments of protection
- economic integration and free trade
- ITO, GATT, WTO, IMF, world bank
- foreign exchange market and foreign exchange systems
- economic integration in Europe

Assessment

Lectures, group works / assignments, exam

Materials

Ingham, B.2004. International Economics – A European Focus. Pearson Education. Essex, England.

04IBU602/3 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student knows

- the methods of international payments
- the various alternatives of corporate finance
- the grounds for crediting
- and is able to draw up finance plans

Contents

- international payments
- protection against currency risks
- finance sources

- grounds for crediting
- profitability
- finance planning

Assessment

Lectures, coursework and exam

04IBU602/4 INTERNATIONAL MARKETING 5 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student will further develop the marketing mix approach to create a fuller understanding of why international marketing and planning in different environments requires different organizational methods and solutions. The student will be expected to develop an understanding of a market situation and how to respond strategically to the needs of different segments. The student will research and present a marketing overview of a specific industry and make managerial recommendations about how to develop and retain business opportunities.

Contents

- International Marketing Mix
- International Market Assessment
- Marketing Strategy
- Marketing Planning
- Project Team Management

Assessment

Market analyses

04IBU602/5 IMPORT/EXPORT PROCEDURES 4 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows the steps of import/export operations and the related documentation
- knows how to interpret and fill in the documents / EU-trade, non-EU-trade)
- knows the special issues concerning VAT in international business
- knows the regulations on international sales/contracting

Contents

The steps of import/export operations, documentation, VAT in international trade, the regulations of international sales/contracting.

Prerequisites

04BUS602/5, Logistics ; 04BUS602/7 Operational Business Environment/Legal environment; 04IBU601/1 Accounting

Implementation and assessment

Lectures, learning assignments, case studies, applied exercises.

Learning assignments 100 %; scale 1-5.

Learning material

Learning package, internet sources of Customs and Taxation Authorities

04IBU504E BUSINESS IN EUROPE 3 ECTS (E)

Learning objectives

The student

- orients in advance on the European Union and its various aspects
- learns differences of doing various business operations in different European countries
- concentrates via group assignment on a specific business operation in two European countries

Contents

- composition & operations of the European Union
- country specific differences of doing business

Assessment

Individual assignment; group assignment and presentation

Materials

Lecture materials

04IBU505E BUSINESS IN RUSSIA 3 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows the economic and political situation in Russia

- understands the effects of the changes on business
- is familiar with the Russian business culture
- is able to evaluate the possibilities to start a business in Russia

Contents

Background information on Russian trade, history, economy and politics, changes in Russian society and stability of the business environment, Russians as consumers, partners and decision makers.

Educational trip to St.Petersburg (one week, lectures at the Economic Faculty of St.Petersburg State University, company visits and cultural programme, travelling costs at student's own expense)

Assessment

Exam, learning diary

Materials

Learning package, lecture materials

04IBU506E BUSINESS IN ASIA 3 ECTS (E)

Learning Objectives

The students will learn

- to understand Asian issues such as economy, politics, culture, religion, and their effects in business life
- general and country specific business related information.

Contents

- strategic analysis of Asian economies
- business culture
- marketing
- economic trend
- trade & investment
- MNCs in Asia

Assessment

Active participation to the course, course paper and test

Materials

Sonia El Kahal (2001). Business in Asia–Pacific. 1st edition. Oxford University Press.

And materials given by the teacher during the course

04TUT600E Orientation to Research 10 ects

04TUT601E ANALYSIS METHODS 5 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows the principles of the scientific research, approach and the most commonly used research methods in social science
- knows the operational plan of the research work
- learns to estimate the applicability of the research method
- learns to estimate the reliability of the information
- knows how to deal with the most commonly used statistical methods
- learns to understand the content of the research report

Contents

Main attention will be paid onto the following issues: Quantitative and qualitative methods in general, the research problem and the applicability of the research methods, overall reliability, data analysis, interpretation and generalisation. The student is able to conduct independent empirical research.

Prerequisites

Texts, spreadsheets and presentation graphics

Assesment

Participation in contact teaching, individual and group works, assignments and/or exam

Scale 1 - 5.

Materials

Lectures and literature indicated by the lecturer

Quantitative methods and reporting 04TUT602E and Qualitative methods and reporting 04TUT603E are elective modules and they take place during the third academic year. Student has to choose one of the following modules.

04TUT602E QUANTITATIVE METHODS AND REPORTING 5 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- knows how to process and report the Quantitative data definitively
- learns to use SPSS software as an analysis tool
- learns the descriptive statistics
- learns the inferential statistics
- learns the multivariate methods
- understand the research problem and is able to choose the right methods to analyse data
- is able to conduct a demanding quantitative research
- has basic skills in academic writing
- knows how to write abstract for a study

Contents

SPSS software as an analysis tool. Creating a database in SPSS. Frequency distributions, descriptive statistics and graphical presentations. Relationships between two variables. Hypothesis testing. Multivariate methods. . Academic writing skills.

Prerequisites

04TUT601E Analysis Methods

Assessment

Participation in contact teaching, individual and group works, projects and reporting
Scale 1 - 5.

Materials

Lectures and literature indicated by the lecturer

04TUT603E QUALITATIVE METHODS IN MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AND REPORTING 5 ECTS

Learning objectives

The student

- will understand paradigm and the methodology behind qualitative research methods
- will be able to produce a research plan for a qualitative study
- will be able to evaluate reliability and validity of qualitative research
- has basic skills in academic writing
- qualitative methods for data collection and analysis
- knows how to write abstract for a study

Contents

Qualitative research and the paradigm behind it. Different methods to conduct a qualitative research. Research plan for a qualitative study. Methods for data collection and analysis. Academic writing skills. Lectures and research project.

Prerequisites

04TUT601E Analysis Methods

Assessment

Research project and exam

Materials

Lectures

Gummesson Evert, Qualitative methods in Management Research, 2000, Sage Publications, Inc.

Elective Languages 15 ects

see descriptions Kielet ja viestintä/Languages and Communication

Advance Studies 15 ects

SPECIAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETING 5 ECTS

Learning Objectives

This upper level professional marketing course is designed to provide a current issues approach to creating a project / seminar to the undergraduate and exchanges students. Each year the course will develop a different aspect of international marketing and will push the students to problems solve, analyze and deliver a substantial project.

Content

Use of academic articles and the Internet and practical application of problem solving skills of interrelated issues will provide the elements of the problem space.

The specific aims of the problem space will be adjusted each year. The course will be messy, demanding and rigorous.

Assessment

The completion of the project / paper and a presentation of results

Materials

Articles and Internet

04IBU604/2 SPECIAL ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS 5 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- understands the interrelationships between different logistics activities
- is able to analyze research and case information and apply it on the field of international business and logistics
- knows the latest development in the field

Contents

- logistics activities, organisational options, performance measurement
- integrated logistics
- new technology and methods, services

Prerequisites

Basic studies, International Business professional studies

Implementation and assessment

- resource lectures, case studies, work shop, essays
- scale 1-5

Material

Stock & Lambert: Strategic Logistics Management; Bask & Juga & Laine: Evolution of Container Transport; Lakshamana & Subramanian & Anderson & Leautier: Integration of Transport and Trade Facilitation; Learning package

04IBU604/3 SPECIAL ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN 5 ECTS

Objectives

The student

- forms an overall picture of the internationalization process of a corporation,
- learns the process of gathering useful information,
- understands the prerequisites and reasons of internationalization,
- forms abilities to apply theoretical information into practise by composing an export plan.

Contents

- Basic marketing and logistics functions of corporations.
- Export documentation.

Implementation and assessment

- Briefing, intermediate & final seminar.
- Assessment based on the export plan designed by the students.

Material

- All marketing and logistics literature.

ELECTIVE STUDIES 15 ECTS

The student can select his/her elective studies from his/her own degree programme or from the other degree programmes within Lahti Polytechnic. Studies from other polytechnics and universities can also be chosen. In that case he/she must have the selected courses approved to the personal study plan in advance.

PRACTICAL TRAINING 30 ECTS

The jobs must be from the field of international business or logistics in Finland or abroad. The training is possible to carry out in two periods (15 ects each), if it takes place in two different countries. The student can start his/her practical training after having completed min. 75 ects.

THESIS 15 ECTS

The Bachelor's thesis is normally written during the last year and the practical approach is demanded. The grading is based on criteria such as the benefit gained to the case firm as the result of the thesis, utilization of research methods, and the level of the English language use.

Prerequisites

Research methods, Statistical Analysis, Research Process

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