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## **Translation**

# **Appendix to the Academic Regulations for the Master’s Degree Program in Banking and Finance**

## **at the School of Management and Law, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)**

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*Based on §2 of the Framework of Exam Regulations for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programs at Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) of 29 January 2008 and in addition to the Academic Regulations for the Master’s Degree Program in Banking and Finance of 29 January 2009, the following appendix to the Academic Regulations for the Master’s degree program in Banking and Finance was...*

- *decided initially by the Executive Board on 11 November 2008 and*
- *revised most recently by the President on behalf of the Executive Board on 22 February 2017.*

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**1. The aptitude assessment is conducted in the following steps:**

- a. Review of application documents concerning:
  - aa. formal requirements in accordance with § 7 (1) of the Academic Regulations
  - bb. professional skills acquired
- b. Admission interview with a focus on:
  - aa. determining whether the applicant has the required communication skills in English and German and
  - bb. discussing the applicant's motivational position concerning his or her past and intended career path in the context of enrolling in a Master's program.
- c. Summary overall evaluation and written notification of applicant about the result of the aptitude assessment.

**2. The German course of study of the degree program in Banking and Finance is run according to the following structure:**
**First Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Markt und Umfeld von Finanzdienstleistungsunternehmen	Compulsory	6
Management von Finanzdienstleistungsunternehmen <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten	Compulsory	9
Mitarbeiterführung und Leadership	Compulsory	3

**Second Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Risk Management <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Investments <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Praktische Übungen zur Forschungsmethodik <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	9
Leadership and Ethics <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	3

**Third Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Alternative Investments	Compulsory	6
Controlling und Geschäftsprozesse von Banken	Compulsory	6
Praxisorientierte Forschungsprojekte <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	9

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**Fourth Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Corporate Finance <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Master Thesis <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	15

The English course of study of the degree program in Banking and Finance (Program in English) is run according to the following structure:

**First Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Market and Environment of Financial Institutions	Compulsory	6
Management of Financial Institutions <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Research Skills	Compulsory	9
Leadership and Human Resource Management	Compulsory	3

**Second Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Risk Management <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Investments <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Practical Exercises in Research Methods <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	9
Leadership and Ethics <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	3

**Third Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Alternative Investments	Compulsory	6
Controlling and Business Processes in Banking	Compulsory	6
Applied Research Projects <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	9

**Fourth Semester**

Module	Module Type	Credits
Corporate Finance <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	6
Master Thesis <sup>nr</sup>	Compulsory	15

Modules marked “<sup>nr</sup>” (not restricted to academic semester period) may require/enable students to complete performance assessment tasks or attend class events both in the academic semester period as well as outside it.

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A student can only start his or her Master's thesis towards the end of the program. As a rule, the modules of the first three semesters must first be completed. The head of the degree program is responsible for considering applications from students wishing to begin a Master's thesis. "Program in English" students must write their Master's thesis in English. Students of the German course of study may write their Master's thesis in German or in English.

The head of the degree program may grant applications from students wishing to postpone individual modules to a later semester, provided that the maximum length of the program of six semesters would not be exceeded.

**3.** The German course of study and the "Program in English" of this Master's program cannot be combined. Students must complete the whole curriculum of either the German or the English course of study in full.

**4.** All modules are graded.

**5.** There are no module groups.

**6.** There is no possibility to compensate for one module with another.

**7.** There are no module exams except for what is specified in the module description.

**8.** The English title conferred by this program is "Master of Science in Banking and Finance (UAS Zurich)".

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