

**Master of Science in Banking and Finance**

**Study Guide and Curriculum**

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## 1 Master's Studies in Banking and Finance

The *Master of Science in Banking and Finance* degree programme offers a profile which is unique to the Swiss university scene, especially when compared internationally. Students who have already specialized in banking and finance subjects at a Bachelor's level will be able to seamlessly continue their specialization and expand it, both from a content and a methodology perspective. Lectures are held in English. Students opting for the "German-Track" can write their papers in Module 10, 11 and 12 in German. With an adequate level of dedication, it is also possible to work during the programme. The potential number of qualified applicants for this study course is subject to profile requirements. Accordingly, a close personal exchange amongst the participants in an academic year, and between students and lecturers is facilitated. We strive for a dialogue-orientated degree programme, where students' and lecturers' contributions complement each other into a learning partnership.

### 1.1 Why Choose the Master of Science in Banking and Finance at the Lucerne School of Business?

Various reasons as to why the *Master of Science in Banking and Finance* should be pursued at the Lucerne School of Business are explained below:

#### Second degrees options with partner universities in Edinburgh and Hong Kong

We offer a second degree option with Edinburgh Napier University and Lingnan University in Hong Kong. Take advantage of the opportunity to also study in Hong Kong or Edinburgh – and receive two master degrees, while working on your personal international network.



#### Cutting-edge and well connected

The Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen Zug IFZ (Institute of Financial Services Zug IFZ) is an institute with an excellent reputation in the industry, and is Switzerland's leading research institute in many areas. Among them are for example digitization in banking, FinTech, crypto and crowd finance, sustainable investments, and compliance.

#### Multiple career paths in the financial industry

The graduates of our master's programme in Banking and Finance hold positions in banks, pension or investment funds, are asset or portfolio managers, work in consulting companies, and in finance departments in several industries. Our graduates work in Switzerland and abroad in corporate or private banking, asset management, investment banking, and in risk management.

#### Top quality studies and lecturers from the industry

Our programme is very focused since we teach in small groups and students have direct access to their lecturers. The high level of satisfaction among our students is proven by the results of the programme's ongoing evaluation.

### **A programme which is practically relevant for the financial services industry**

Our programme is practically relevant for the financial services industry. In addition to working on current topics of relevance in the industry, we work with several teaching practitioners who hold senior management positions in Switzerland's top financial services companies.

### **Flexible time models**

The Banking and Finance degree programme can be completed in three different study models. In the full-time model, you can complete the programme in three semesters, in the regular model in four semesters, and in the extended model in six semesters. Whether in three, four or six semesters: the duration of study and the associated study effort can be adapted to your personal needs.

### **Excellent basis for topping up a CFA, CAIA, FRM and more**

Completing the master's programme enables you to advance your education even further with an internationally recognized certificate such as "Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)", the "Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA)", the "Financial Risk Manager (FRM)" or the "Certified International Investment Analyst (CIIA)".

### **Location: Zurich – Rotkreuz - Lucerne:**

Our premises at the Campus Zug-Rotkreuz can be reached from Zurich in 35 minutes and from Lucerne in 15 minutes. While Zurich is an international financial centre, Lucerne is a national hub for the insurance sector and one of the major regions for tourism in Switzerland. The Canton of Zug is a renowned and important location for commodity trading, private equity, home to many international companies, and has a strong industrial sector. Moreover, the region has attracted many blockchain companies and is known as "crypto valley".

## **1.2 Personal Responsibility and Active Participation**

Despite the structures predefined by curriculum, timetable and examinations, studies at Master's level require taking on personal responsibility for managing your own learning process, particularly with basic methodical and analytical competences which are to be developed further in addition to the specific contents. Past students of the degree programme have gained valuable experience and success through self-organized study groups.

In order to efficiently manage their own studies, students have a variety of options to participate in the success of their learning partnership and to co-design their study course. Amongst others, these options include; preparation and post-processing of lessons, contributing your own questions or discussions to lessons or to electronic learning platforms, as well as suggestions for relevant excursions and the subjects of term papers, project reports or Masters' Theses. An important element of the above mentioned consists of written evaluations, which are undertaken on a regular basis. They make an important contribution to the advancement and improvement of the overall course, content, and lectures and any module specific events. Students are requested to take the evaluations of lecturers seriously, and to provide constructive criticism, and well-founded information with regards to any potential for improvements, and to clarify within reason if any topics are redundant. Independent of these evaluations, direct access to lecturers and the Head of Studies are open to all students- and not just via your class representative who will take on special responsibility for timely and open communication with regards to the co-ordination of tasks and resolution of any conflicts arising.

The greatest responsibility for the long-term success of the study course (and the reputation of their own degree) will be taken on by the graduates after conclusion of their studies themselves. We are confident that the professional performance and success so far of our graduates ensures a strong reputation for our MSc Banking and Finance degree in the financial industry.

## **2 General Information about the degree programme**

### **2.1 Overview of the Study Course/Degree**

MSc Banking and Finance is a scientifically-founded, and simultaneously practice-orientated advanced professional and management training course with an international orientation. This degree lays the foundations for a successful professional career in the finance industry or the corporate finance sector. The systematic combination of scientific methodology and practical knowledge during their studies provides graduates of this Master's programme with competencies enabling them to resolve problems of an unusual nature, structure complex situations, and make well-reflected decisions of their own in later professional practice.

Master's graduates have excellent long-term professional development and career prospects. The Master's course prepares its students for taking on challenging roles in a professional expert role and/or as a management executive in the corporate finance sector. After conclusion of their studies, key functions at a strategic level of the finance industry will therefore be available to students, for instance, in banks, financial service companies, retirement fund management, asset management, the financial advice sector, accountancy firms or in the finance departments of companies in all industry sectors.

The MSc Banking and Finance is a degree programme offered by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business. The study modules are accounted for in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The ECTS facilitates and promotes the national and international mobility of students and the recognition of their degree across national borders.

The Master's degree programme consists of a standard study period of four semesters. The volume of studies comprises 90 ECTS credits. Once students have passed their Master's examinations and formulated satisfactory research reports, they are awarded the academic title of *Master of Science in Banking and Finance*.

### **2.2 Admission Requirements**

The Head of Studies will decide the acceptance into the MSc Banking and Finance degree programme within a clearly regulated admissions framework. Applicants must fulfil all of the following criteria cumulatively:

- University Bachelor's or equivalent university degree in business administration or business economics, economic sciences, business law or a related discipline
- Proof of advanced studies in banking and finance amounting to at least 24 ECTS credits (post-qualification possible)
- Proof of the ability to actively participate in English language lessons at university level
- Positive result of admission interview

Any missing competencies required for the admission into the degree programme of banking and finance can be fulfilled by the end of the first year of studies at the latest. In this case, admission will be granted subject to achieving a post-qualification.

In order to be able to complete the programme full-time, i.e. in three semesters, the following criteria must be met at the time of admission: no further admission requirements required (see admission requirements above); additional application via e-mail to the Head of the Programme requesting access to the 3-semester model; high willingness to perform; above-average grade point average in previous degree. A second degree abroad is not possible in the 3-semester time model.

### 3 Course Guidance

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#### Internet sites of importance for the Master's study course:

<https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/degree-programmes/master/banking-and-finance/>

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## 4 Lecturers

### Overview of Lecturers



**Dr. Matthias Daniel Aepli**  
Risk Management in Banking, Market Risk Management



**Dr. Tatiana Agnesens**  
Behavioural Finance



**Dr. Simon Amrein**  
Financial Sector and Financial Regulation, Technologies and Business Models, FinTech Boot Camp, Applied Research Projects



**Prof. Dr. Thomas Ankenbrand**  
Agent-based Models of Real Estate and Financial Markets, Technologies and Business Models, Decentralized Finance and Marketplace Lending



**Dr. Manuel Bauer**  
Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Financial Management for MNEs, Private Equity



**Nadine Berchtold**  
Sustainable Financing



**Dr. Denis Bieri**  
Decentralized Finance and Marketplace Lending



**Dr. Simon Broda**  
Econometrics II - Time Series Analysis, Practical Exercises in Research Methods



**Prof. Dr. John Davidson**  
Real Estate



**Prof. Dr. Torsten Dennin**  
Macroeconomics and Financial Markets, Commodities



**Prof. Dr. Andreas Dietrich**  
FinTech Boot Camp, Strategic Management in Financial Services, Technologies and Business Models



**Prof. Dr. Karsten Döhnert**  
Pensionskassen Management



**Dr. Jürg Fausch**  
Derivatives and Structured Products, Empirical Asset Pricing



**Prof. Dr. Leonard Fister**  
Credit Risk Management



**Dr. Marius Fuchs**  
Restructuring and Turnaround Management



**Moreno Frigg**  
Empirical Asset Pricing



**Prof. Dr. Nils Hafner**  
Digital Customer Management in Banking



**Dr. Anina Christina Hille**  
Hedge Funds



**Dr. Peter Kaste**  
Equity Investments



**Constantin Kempf**  
Sustainable Financing



**Prof. Dr. Christian Kraft**  
Real Estate Investment Banking,  
Sustainable Financing



**Dr. Brian Mattmann**  
Sustainable Financing, Sustainability and  
Ethics in Banking and Finance



**Daniel Niehus**  
Risk Management in Banking



**Dr. Philippe Oster**  
Derivatives and Structured Products,  
Fixed Income Management



**Prof. Dr. Maurice Pedergnana**  
Venture Capital



**Reto Rey**  
Programming in Finance



**Dr. Florian Schreiber**  
Financial Sector and Financial Regulation,  
Market Risk Management



**Prof. Dr. Salvatore Sciascia**  
Family Business Finance



**Prof. Dr. Yvonne Seiler Zimmermann**  
Restructuring and Turnaround Management



**Dr. Sandra Stupar**  
Econometrics I - Regression Analysis,  
Practical Exercises in Research Methods



**Prof. Dr. Manfred Stüttgen**  
Sustainable Investments, Sustainability  
and Ethics in Finance and Banking



**Prof. Dr. Michael Trübstein**  
Real Estate Investment Banking

## 5 Modules

### 5.1 Module Catalogue

A compact timetable, balanced study times across all four semesters, and block-release studies make it possible to participate in studies and course-related vocational activities (max. 40-50%) at the same time.

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	<p>Module 1, 6 Credits Economic and Regulatory Environment of Financial Markets</p> <p>Module 2, 5 Credits Strategic Management in Financial Services</p> <p>Module 5, 4 Credits Derivatives and Structured Products</p> <p>Module 9, 9 Credits Research Methods</p>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	<p>Module 3, 6 Credits Risk Management</p> <p>Module 6, 6 Credits Investments</p> <p>Module 13, 3 Credits Sustainability and Ethics in Banking and Finance</p> <p>Module 10, 9 Credits Practical Exercises in Research Methods</p>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	<p>Module 4, 6 Credits Trends and Innovations in Finance</p> <p>Module 7, 6 Credits Alternative Investments</p> <p>Module 11, 9 Credits Applied Research Projects</p>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	<p>Module 8, 6 Credits Corporate Finance</p> <p>Module 12, 15 Credits Master's Thesis</p>	

Credits = ECTS Credits (1 Credit = 30 hours workload for students)

Part-time alongside studies is possible

If necessary: making up of entry qualifications in Banking and Finance



## 5.2 Module and Course Management

The lecturers responsible for the modules and courses overall are shown in the table below (current version can be found on MyCampus).

Module code	Module name	ECTS Credits	Semester	Compulsory	Module coordinator	
ERE01.23 MFM FS	Module 1 1.1 1.2	Economic and Regulatory Environment of Financial Markets Macroeconomics and Financial Markets Financial Sector and Financial Regulation	6 4 2	1	-	<b>Simon Amrein</b> Torsten Dennin Simon Amrein/Florian Schreiber/Alex Geissbühler
SMFS01.23	Module 2	Strategic Management in Financial Services	5	1	-	<b>Andreas Dietrich</b>
DSP02.20	Module 5	Derivatives and Structured Products	4	1	-	<b>Jürg Fausch/Philippe Oster</b>
RM01.20 PF RA TSA	Module 9 9.1 9.2 9.3	Research Methods Programming in Finance Econometrics I - Regression Analysis Econometrics II - Time Series Analysis	9 3 3 3	1	-	<b>Sandra Stupar</b> Reto Rey Sandra Stupar Simon Broda
RM02.23 RMB CRM MRM	Module 3 3.1 3.2 3.3	Risk Management Risk Management in Banking Credit Risk Management Market Risk Management	6 2 2 2	2	-	<b>Florian Schreiber</b> Matthias Aepli/Dani Niehus Leonard Fister Matthias Aepli/Florian Schreiber
INV02.08 BF FIM EI ABM SI PK	Module 6 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6	Investments* <i>Behavioural Finance</i> <i>Fixed Income Management</i> <i>Equity Investments</i> <i>Agent-based Models of Real Estate and Financial Markets</i> <i>Sustainable Investments</i> <i>Pensionskassen Management</i>	6 2 2 2 2 2 2	2	3/6	<b>Simon Amrein</b> Tatiana Agnesens Philippe Oster Peter Kaste Thomas Ankenbrand Manfred Stüttgen Karsten Döhnert
FM02.08	Module 10	Practical Exercises in Research Methods	9	2	-	<b>Simon Broda/Sandra Stupar</b>
SE02.23	Module 13	Sustainability and Ethics in Banking and Finance	3	2	-	<b>Manfred Stüttgen/Brian Mattmann</b>
TIF03.23 TBM FTBC	Module 4 4.1 4.2	Trends and Innovations in Finance Technologies and Business Models FinTech Boot Camp	6 4 2	3	-	<b>Simon Amrein</b> Thomas Ankenbrand/Denis Bieri/Andreas Dietrich/Simon Amrein Andreas Dietrich/Simon Amrein
AI03.08 HF PE CO RE DFM SEC EAP	Module 7 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4 7.5 7.6 7.7	Alternative Investments* <i>Hedge Funds</i> <i>Private Equity</i> <i>Commodities</i> <i>Real Estate</i> <i>Decentralized Finance and Marketplace Lending</i> <i>Asset-Backed Securities and Insurance-Linked Securities</i> <i>Empirical Asset Pricing</i>	6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3	3/6	<b>Florian Schreiber</b> Anina Hille Manuel Bauer Torsten Dennin John Davidson Simon Amrein/Thomas Ankenbrand/Denis Bieri Various Jürg Fausch/Moreno Frigg
PF03.08	Module 11	Applied Research Projects	9	3	-	<b>Simon Amrein</b>
CF04.13 RTM FBF VC MA FRM IB SF	Module 8 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4 8.5 8.6 8.7	Corporate Finance* <i>Restructuring and Turnaround Management</i> <i>Family Business Finance</i> <i>Venture Capital</i> <i>Mergers and Acquisitions</i> <i>Corporate Financial Management for MNEs</i> <i>Real Estate Investment Banking</i> <i>Sustainable Financing</i>	6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	4	3/7	<b>Simon Amrein</b> Marius Fuchs / Yvonne Seiler Salvatore Sciascia Maurice Pedergnana Manuel Bauer Manuel Bauer Michael Trübstein Christian Kraft / Nadine Berchtold / Brian Mattmann / Constantin Kempf
MT04.08	Module 12	Master's Thesis	15	4	-	<b>Florian Schreiber</b>
	<b>Total ECTS-Credits in the Master programme</b>		<b>90</b>			*together with students of MSc in Real Estate

The time required to spend on every credit point is estimated to be 30 hours.

### 5.3 Studies Spread Across 6 Semesters

For students aiming to work in addition to their studies or to look after their family simultaneously for 60-70% of the time, there is an option to complete their Master’s studies within 6 semesters after consultation with the Head of the Study Course. In this case, with a balanced work load, studies will then progress as follows:

Semester	Module	ECTS
<b>1st Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 1: Economic and Regulatory Environment of Financial Markets	6
	Module 9: Research Methods	9
<b>2nd Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 6: Investments	6
	Module 10: Practical Exercises in Research Methods	9
<b>3rd Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 2: Strategic Management in Financial Services	5
	Module 5: Derivatives and Structured Products	4
	Module 7: Alternative Investments	6
<b>4th Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 3: Risk Management	6
	Module 8: Corporate Finance	6
	Module 13: Sustainability and Ethics in Banking and Finance	3
<b>5th Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 4: Trends and Innovations in Banking	6
	Module 11: Applied Research Projects	9
<b>6th Semester</b> (15 ECTS)	Module 12: Master’s Thesis	15

### 5.4 Module Descriptions

An updated version of the descriptions can be found on our [website](#) and on [MyCampus > Module Descriptions and Module Lists](#).

## 6 Proofs of Proficiency

Every module consists of one or more proofs of proficiency. The assessment of the proofs of proficiency of an overall module, i.e. the (rounded) result of the module assessed must be at least sufficient (i.e. result in a grade of 4.0) for the module to be credited with the intended ECTS Credits.

Thematically orientated modules frequently finish with written course examinations at the end of the semester. Depending on didactic considerations and the subject matter conveyed, these can be either “closed book” or “open book”. In this regard, the assessment can vary from classic exams, case studies, and/or open questions where students will have to develop and compare different approaches to a solution with each other. In some of the modules, there is also a requirement for the provision of proofs of proficiency during the semester itself in the shape of written work, case studies or presentations in addition to the final module examination, which are also credited to the overall module grade.

The Master’s Thesis will be assessed in combination with its defence.

## **6.1 Date and Duration of Module Examinations**

For every course, a proof of proficiency must be provided. Those proofs of proficiency taking the form of examinations generally take place towards the end of the teaching period during an examination period of two to three weeks (mid-January, mid-June). The dates and additional information on these examinations will be published on MyCampus.

## **6.2 Transcript of Records**

Students will receive a record of achievement referred to as *Transcript of Records* at the end of every semester. The transcript of record contains the courses and modules completed during the semester, including the module assessments and the ECTS Credits obtained. The HSLU sends out these Transcripts of Records by mail.

For further important provisions related to the proofs of proficiency - for instance resources, incapability or legal means - please see the legal framework conditions.

## **6.3 Diploma**

After successful conclusion of their Master's studies, students will receive a Swiss-recognized diploma entitling them to hold the title of "Master of Science in Banking and Finance, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences/FHZ". To obtain this diploma, students must successfully complete the whole course of study, i.e. obtain 90 ECTS Credits.

The successful graduates of this Master's course of studies will be provided with the following documents when they are awarded their diploma:

- Diploma certificate
- Degree certificate
- Diploma supplement

The diploma supplement is a standardized description of the objectives and contents of the Master's course of studies and its ranking inside the Swiss university system. The diploma certificate is considered proof of successfully completing your Master's course of studies.

## **7 Further Information on the Degree Programme**

### **7.1 The University and the Institute**

The MSc Banking and Finance is a degree programme offered by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business. Lessons will be led by lecturers with a scientific background and practical experience. The Lucerne School of Business has a specialized institute in the banking and finance sector that offers further education, processes application-orientated research projects and offers additional services. MSc Banking and Finance students will be involved in the institute's research activities.

#### **Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business**

The Lucerne School of Business is part of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. As a Central Switzerland centre of excellence for advanced management education and with its teaching, research and consultancy services, the School of Business provides an important contribution to the development of a knowledgeable society.

The university trains specialist and executive staff and assists organisations and institutions with finding a solution to business and economic problems. In addition to a Bachelor's course of studies in Business

Administration with seven fields of study and a Bachelor's degree in Business Informatics, three consecutive Master's programmes are also on offer. Amongst Swiss Universities of Applied Science, this institution is the largest provider of post-graduate and further education programmes. The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts maintains links to other universities and partners from several industry and government. The school's five institutes are centres of excellence with national and even international appeal.

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business is bound by its motto: "Commerce propagates schooling - the university propagates commerce". With this, the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts would like to express its close relationship with economic practice. In addition to providing practice-orientated training and further education for prospective and experienced specialist and executive staff, its record of achievement also covers the research and service sector.

### **Institute of Financial Services Zug IFZ**

The MSc Banking and Finance is led by the *Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen Zug IFZ* (Institute of Financial Services Zug IFZ). The *Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen Zug IFZ* is the centre of excellence for finance and banking of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. It includes the areas of financial services management, financial markets, corporate finance, controlling and accounting, as well as real estate management. In addition to its training commitment, the IFZ offers further education, research and consultancy services to company finance staff as well as specialist and executive staff from the financial sector.

## **7.2 Study Location**

The teaching of the MSc Banking and Finance will take place from August 2019 in Rotkreuz. Occasionally, block-release seminars and company visits may take place at other locations, sometimes involving overnight stays externally.

Classrooms in Rotkreuz are in the immediate vicinity of the station. An overview map of the Rotkreuz location can be found on the next page.

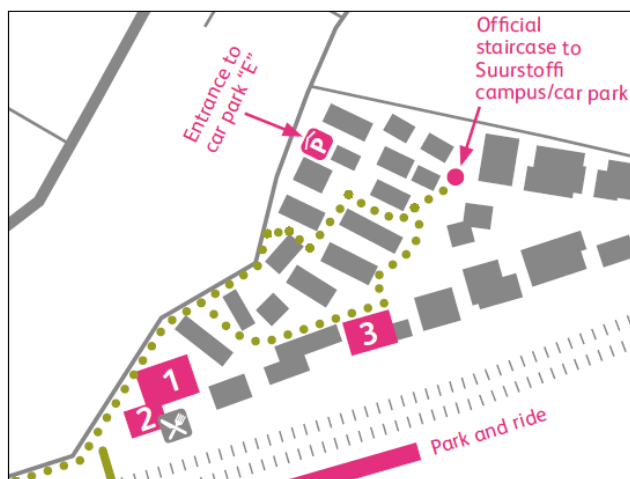
### Sites of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts Zug-Rotkreuz Campus

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We suggest you arrive by public transport. There is a limited number of metered parking spaces on the Suurstoffi campus as well as in the car park "E" (accessible via Birkenstrasse; address: Suurstoffi 29).

**Please respect the signs and only use the metered parking spaces in the rear part, designated "E2".**



- 1**  
Suurstoffi 1, House "A" (main building)  
Reception, Audi Max, Audi Midi, Forum, Classrooms  
Secretariat, Lucerne School of Information Technology (2. floor)  
Secretariat, Lucerne School of Business, IFZ (5. floor)
- 2**  
Suurstoffi 4, House "B" (high-rise)  
Cafeteria, Walk-in, Library, Digital Ideation
- 3**  
Suurstoffi 12

### 7.3 The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

By now, all well-known European universities apply the ECTS framework. It discloses the extent and assessment of study attainments in a transparent manner on an international basis. Should students change universities or complete part of their studies at a host university, the ECTS facilitates crediting study attainments accordingly (transfer function). A diploma for training undertaken is awarded if a certain number of ECTS credits has been attained.

ECTS Credits describe the time expenditure involved in studies completed. One ECTS Credit equates to 30 hours regardless of whether these studies are completed during contact studies (seminars, lessons etc.) or through self-study. A Master of Science at a Swiss University of Applied Sciences comprises 90 ECTS Credits and corresponds to a workload of ca. 2,700 hours, spread across four semesters (course-related work to an extent of a maximum of 50% is also possible if there is sufficient capacity on the part of the student).

The credits required for a course of studies are spread across the individual elements of the education, i.e. modules. Credits allocated to a module are awarded once the proofs of proficiency prescribed for it have been completed successfully, i.e. have been awarded a grade of at least "sufficient". No credits are awarded for a student's mere presence at a course.

### 7.4 Credit Transfer for External Attainments

External study attainments can be recognized and transferred on application, if they are deemed to be of equal value. Equivalence means that the respective study attainments have been completed at other universities either at home or abroad at a Master's level.

Recognized attainments can replace either whole modules or individual courses of a module. In case of individual courses, credits can only be transferred if the remaining module components can be completed without any limitations.

If possible, the external assessment of study attainments transferred will be included in the Transcript of Records. Otherwise, the qualification "fulfilled" will be entered on the Transcript of Records.

Applications for a transfer of credits must be submitted by the end of the 4th week of the semester in which the training components to be replaced take place. Documentation in this regard can be downloaded from the Intranet (ILIAS).

## **7.5 Tuition Fees**

The tuition and other fees for the MSc Banking and Finance amount to CHF 800 per semester. There may be additional costs for study material. When compared on an international basis, the degree programme through HSLU illustrates an exceptionally attractive cost-benefit ratio.

Study loans can be applied for with the cantonal bodies. There is also an option to apply for a scholarship grant.

## **7.6 Scientific and Practical Relevance**

The performance mandate of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts is not merely limited to education (Bachelor's and consecutive Master's courses of study). It also includes further education, application-orientated research and other services.

Furthermore, all lecturers are working in one or several of the thematic focus areas. This provides a guarantee that knowledge and insights attained from the overall performance mandate, i.e. also from research and other services, can be directly incorporated into the Master's studies. Students benefit from both, a scientific background and the lecturers' practical experience.

The practical relevance of their education is also ensured by several additional elements:

- Frequently, external contributors from the business and government sector also participate in these courses.
- Most lecturers have long practical experience.
- Excursions within the framework of study weeks directly expose students to business practices.
- Student works at Master's level deal with practice-relevant topics, some of which are submitted by external sponsors.
- Students are involved in the institute's research and consultancy projects.
- The university's advice centre supports students with a number of activities and offers with regards to starting and planning their career.
- Educational objectives and contents are regularly validated by surveying students, business partners and graduates themselves.

## **7.7 Course-related Work and Practical Training**

It is recommended to undertake course-related work or complete practical training before or during your studies. If possible, try and choose practical training offering an insight into the field of responsibilities and activities of financial service companies, and which will prepare you for your future occupation.

Course-related work or practical training are often beneficial for your studies in themselves, and increase

your study motivation and intensity. If you are looking to take part in course-related work or look after your family, this should not exceed 50% of your time (recommended: 40%). In addition, please note that your studies will require a high level of dedication and a certain flexibility during certain phases. For students in the full-time model (three semesters), there is no intention of pursuing a career while studying due to the high study load caused by the shortened duration of the program.

### **7.8 Studies Abroad**

The Head of Studies supports study visits at universities abroad as much as possible. Students who wish to study abroad for some time are recommended to seek advice in advance from their Head of Studies and the International Offices when selecting courses abroad, to ensure the study attainments acquired will be recognized afterwards.

### **7.9 Second Degree Abroad**

It is possible to study in Hong Kong or Edinburgh for one semester and receive a second degree from the Lucerne School of Business and our partner university. However, this option is only available to students in the four-semester and six-semester time models. More information:

- <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/international/second-degree-on-the-basis-of-study-abroad/>

### **7.10 Libraries and Electronic Resources**

Students can borrow materials from the library contents of the IFZ Zug. Students holding a HSLU card will also be granted access to the contents of all IDS libraries in German-speaking Switzerland (→ [www.informationsverbund.ch](http://www.informationsverbund.ch)). Please note that your HSLU cards needs to be registered before you can start borrowing any of the contents, unless you already hold an IDS library pass. Further information on the library of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Business and access to electronic data bases and magazines can be found under:

→ <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-business/campus/library/%20>

### **Fitch Solutions and Bloomberg**

MSc Banking and Finance students will be able to freely access Fitch Solutions and Bloomberg. For Fitch Solutions, please send an e-mail to apply for a log-in to Prof. Dr. Andreas Dietrich. Access is provided from any location. Bloomberg can be used from the computer inside the IFZ library in Zug. Further information on both data bases can be found under:

→ <http://www.fitchconnect.com/>

→ <http://www.bloomberg.com/professional>

### **7.11 Careers Services**

The Careers Services of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts offers students a steadily increasing number of options to prepare for the start of their career:

- Advice (assistance, for instance regarding the compatibility of studies, job and family)
- Key qualifications (offers for multidisciplinary training and further education)
- CV data base (online information for interested employers)
- Jobs (vacancies advertised for part-time work, practical training, entry sources, etc.)
- Company portraits (information on potential employers)
- Contact days (job fairs with employers)
- Self-employment (courses and advice)
- Information and links (the best sites for job applications, job market, etc.)

→ <http://www.careers.hslu.ch>

### **7.12 University Sports**

The sports programme of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts is open to all students (CHF 25.00 per semester, charged with tuition fees)

→ <http://www.hscl.ch>



## **8 Residence and Entry**

### **8.1 Flats / Accommodation for Students**

At the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, the Verein Studentisches Wohnen (StuWo-Luzern) offers affordable accommodation to students ([www.stuwo-luzern.ch](http://www.stuwo-luzern.ch)). Further search options:

- [www.immo.ch](http://www.immo.ch)
- [www.students.ch/wohnen](http://www.students.ch/wohnen)
- [www.studentenwohnen.ch](http://www.studentenwohnen.ch)
- [www.campusluzern.ch](http://www.campusluzern.ch)

### **8.2 Entry and Residence Permits**

Information on travel formalities, residence permits, etc. can be obtained from the Staatssekretariat für Migration (state secretariat for migration). We will assist you with the application for any required permits.

- <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen.html>

Students holding a foreign university admission pass and/or a foreign passport are very welcome in our MSc Banking and Finance course. If you have obtained a foreign university admission pass and would like to take up regular studies, you must also submit a variety of other documents in addition to the usual application paperwork, and will have to prove that you have a sufficient command of the English language.

## 9 Annex: Academic Calendar Master of Science in Banking and Finance

### Academic Calendar Master of Science in Banking and Finance

Academic Year 2023/24

#### Opening hours secretariat Campus Zug-Rotkreuz

Monday – Friday

08.00 – 12.30 / 13.00 – 17.00

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#### Public Holidays

St. Leodegar	02.10.23
All Saints' Day	01.11.23
Immaculate Conception	08.12.23
Christmas	24.12.23 – 26.12.23
New Year	31.12.23 – 02.01.24
Easter	29.03.24 – 01.04.24
Ascension Day	09.05.24
Whit Monday	20.05.24
Feast of Corpus Christi	30.05.24
National holiday	01.08.24
Assumption Day	15.08.24

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#### Important Dates of the Academic Year

Start of autumn semester 2023	18.09.23
W OPEN annual event	28.09.23
Long Night of Careers	30.11.23
Web registration for elective modules of spring semester 2024	12.12.23 – 19.12.23
End of autumn semester 2023	22.12.23
Start of spring semester 2024	19.02.24
Annual Careers Service Job Forum	March 24
End of spring semester 2024	24.05.24
Start of academic year 2024/25	16.09.24
Graduation Day 2024, KKL Luzern	20.09.24

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#### Important Dates of the Module Examinations

Examination period autumn semester 2023	08.01.24 – 20.01.24
Publication of Transcripts of Records for the autumn semester 2023 (E-Dossier)	15.02.24
Deadline for inspection of the examination records autumn semester 2023	07.03.24
Study trip (mandatory)	tba
Examination period spring semester 2024	10.06.24 – 22.06.24
Publication of Transcripts of Records for the spring semester 2024 (E-Dossier)	18.07.24
Deadline for inspection of the examination records spring semester 2024	08.08.24