

International University of Sarajevo (IUS)				
Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA)				
AY 2025-2026				
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Finance				
Course Group	Total ECTS	Course Code	Course name	ECTS
Required Courses	12	BUS602	Quantitative Research Methods in Business	6
		ECON601	Applied Econometrics	6
	24	BUS603	Advanced Financial Accounting Theory	6
		BUS605	Seminar in Managerial Accounting	6
		BUS610	Seminar in Corporate Finance	6
		BUS611	Seminar in Financial Risk Management	6
		BUS612	Seminar in Banking	6
		BUS613	Seminar in Islamic Finance	6
		BUS614	Seminar in Investments	6
		BUS615	Digital Transformation in Finance	6
		BUS616	Special Topics in Finance	6
		BUS642	Seminar in International Financial Environment	6
		Free elective	One course - approved by Academic Advisor	6
Non-course requirements	144	QE700	Doctoral Qualification Exam	0
		BUS691	Directed Research Project I	12
		BUS692	Directed Research Project II	12
		BUS698	Doctoral Thesis	120
Total	180			
Graduate Studies: Summary of Conditions for Successful Completion of Studies				
Category	ECTS	Note:		
Courses	36	A student has to take two required courses (12 ECTS credits) and will be able to choose four elective courses (worth 24 ECTS credits in total). Out of four elective courses, two of them (12 ECTS) must be with code 6xx.		
Doctoral Qualification Exam	0	To take a Doctoral Qualification Exam, a student must complete all the course load (worth 36 ECTS) and prepare a two-page Ph.D. topic proposal approved by his/her mentor.		
Scientific Activity	Directed Research Project I	12	Two presentations at Conferences, where one can be IUS-based and another outside the IUS.	
	Directed Research Project II	12	Journal Article indexed in Scopus or Web of Science. Please check the Study Rules for the Third Cycle at IUS.	
Doctoral Thesis	120	The doctoral thesis process is composed of three main stages: 1. Research proposal approved by the Mentor; 2. Three progress reports approved by the Doctoral Supervision Committee; and 3. Final defense approved by the Doctoral Defense Committee.		

**Students can take up to 50% of their courses with the same professor during their graduate studies.*

Note. For more information regarding the Ph.D. study, please check the Study Rules for the Third Cycle at IUS.

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