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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"Dissertation should be Mini Dissertation if not 100 % research. Design of the programme needs to differentiate between core, fundamental and electives to justify differentiation in fields of specialisation or rules of combination. Programme can't have 0% compulsory modules!"

Response

Noted - this qualification consist of 4 areas of specialisation, each with a mini-dissertation (EEDE7900, EEDF7900, EASR7900 and EEDI7900) with a credit range between 60 and 96 credits. The title of the listed modules have been amended to reflect the 'mini-dissertation' instead of simply referring to 'dissertation' or 'research script'.

The limitations of the module list provided during the initial HEQSF-submission are partly responsible for this comment. Since this programme comprises of 4 different specialisation areas, each with their own compulsory list of modules, which is not necessarily compulsory to the overall qualification, depending on the student's selection,



complicated this matter. The Tables below indicate the composition of each of the fields of specialisation to clearly highlight the use of elective and compulsory modules in these different fields of specialisation.

Table 1: Master of Commerce *with specialisation in Advanced Business* (no elective modules)

Module name	Semester 1	Semester 2
Advanced Strategic Management	EASM7915	
Change and Contemporary Management	ECCM7915	
Advanced Market Research	EAMR7915	
Logistics and Operations		ELOM7925
Project Management		EPRM7925
Retail Management		EREM7925
Mini-dissertation	EASR7900	EASR7900
Structured module credits	60	60
Research credits	60	
Total credits: 180		

Table 2: Master of Commerce *with specialisation in Applied Econometrics* (combination of compulsory and elective modules)

Module name	Semester 1	Semester 2
Compulsory modules		
Macroeconomics	EMAC7916	
Elective modules		One of the following:
Applied Microeconomics and Competition Policy		EMIC7926
Financial Systems and Monetary Policy		EFMP6826
	One of the following:	
Development Economics	EDEV7916	
Advanced Econometrics	EECA7916	
Capita Selecta	EECS7916	
		One of the following:
Advanced Time-series Econometrics		EECT6826
Cross-section- and Panel Data Econometrics		ECPE6826
PLUS (compulsory module)		
Mini-dissertation in applied econometrics	EEDF7900	EEDF7900

Structured module credits	48	48
Research credits	96	
Total credits: 192		

Table 3: Master of Commerce *with specialisation in Financial Economics and Investment Management* (combination of compulsory and elective modules)

Module name	Semester 1	Semester 2
Compulsory modules		
Macroeconomics	EMAC7916	
Readings in Investment Management	ERIM7916	
Advanced Time-series Econometrics		EECT6826
Elective modules	One of the following	
Financial Systems and Monetary Policy		EFMP6826
International Economics		EINT6826
Capita Selecta	EECS7916	
Applied Microeconomics and Competition Policy		EMIC7926
PLUS (compulsory module)		
Mini-dissertation in Financial Economics and Investment Management	EEDI7900	EEDI7900
Structured module credits	96	
Research credits	96	
Total credits: 192		

Table 4: Master of Commerce *with specialisation in Economics* (combination of compulsory and elective modules)


Module name	Semester 1	Semester 2
Compulsory modules		
Macroeconomics	EMAC7916	
Elective modules	One of the following:	
Applied Microeconomics and Competition Policy		EMIC7926
Financial Systems and Monetary Policy		EFMP6826
	One of the following:	
Development Economics	EDEV7916	
Advanced Econometrics	EECA7916	
Capita Selecta	EECS7916	
	One of the following:	
Advanced Time-series Econometrics		EECT6826

Cross-section- and Panel Data Econometrics		ECPE6826
PLUS (compulsory module)		
Mini-dissertation in Economics	EEDE7900	EEDE7900
Structured module credits	48	48
Research credits	96	
Total credits: 192		

The different areas of specialisation are presented across departments within the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, resulting in different total credits. The minimum credits for the qualification remains 180.

We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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