

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Undergraduate Thesis</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>ACF 424</b>			
<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Elective</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	<b>Year 4</b>			
<b>Teacher's Name</b>	<b>Member(s) of the Department</b>			
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Lectures / week</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Laboratories / week</b>
<b>Course Purpose and Objectives</b>	<p>This module requires students to be familiar with a research topic in finance and/or accounting by analyzing the relevant literature and conduct their undergraduate thesis. They must collect and analyze data that will provide answers/solutions to their research questions. Their approaches and methodologies must be scientific wise providing substantial evidence to support their arguments. At the end of the course, they have to present their final work (undergraduate thesis) in the evaluation committee that consists of three members of the Department.</p>			
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Search scientific literature</li> <li>▪ Summaries scientific literature</li> <li>▪ Prepare their own research proposal</li> <li>▪ Acquire the basic knowledge of research project</li> <li>▪ Describe research project characteristics and structure</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate an understanding of the components of research and the types of research</li> <li>▪ Recognize how to avoid plagiarism in research</li> <li>▪ Enhance the ability to develop a research problem into a research proposal.</li> <li>▪ Identify the process to be used in the independent research project</li> <li>▪ Analyze the research results through data collection</li> <li>▪ Evaluate the research difficulties and limitations</li> <li>▪ Construct research solution proposals</li> <li>▪ Develop students' skills in data collection and research methodology</li> <li>▪ Construct analytical skills in data and results analysis.</li> <li>▪ Evaluate the current research outcomes and its limitations and propose possible alternate directions for further work</li> <li>▪ Apply simple statistical concepts to analyze data, evaluate results and draw conclusions</li> <li>▪ Search effectively of data from market</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enhance the ability to develop a research problem into research proposal</li> <li>▪ Conduct a project under the supervision of the instructor</li> <li>▪ Develop students' oral and written communication</li> <li>▪ Develop students' time management skills</li> <li>▪ Carry out complete academic research</li> </ul>		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	ACF 311, ACF 312, ACF 420	<b>Required</b>	NONE
<b>Course Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Literature Review</li> <li>▪ How to write a Research Proposal</li> <li>▪ How to carry out academic research reports</li> <li>▪ How to present academic research reports</li> <li>▪ Write-up the final research project and present the results</li> <li>▪ How to present academic research report effectively</li> </ul>		
<b>Teaching Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on field research on a topic of the student's interest and presentation of the research proposal and the final approval by a committee of three faculty members</li> <li>▪ Seminars for writing academic research reports</li> <li>▪ Seminars to present academic research reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Bibliography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bali, T. G., Engle, R. F., &amp; Murray, S. (2016). Empirical asset pricing: The cross section of stock returns. John Wiley &amp; Sons.</li> <li>▪ Ryan, B., Scapens, R. W., &amp; Theobald, M. (2002). Research method and methodology in finance and accounting.</li> <li>▪ Relevant bibliography on the student's research topic and workplace environment</li> </ul>		
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Assessment of the student abilities (research and skills) by advisors or work supervisors: 40%</p> <p>Research Proposal and/or Progress Report: 60%</p>		
<b>Language</b>	English		