

Seminar “Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance“

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Seminar Description

The seminar “*Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance*” is addressed to students of the **Bachelor or Diploma degree** at the School of Management and Economics that are interested in deepening their knowledge regarding specific issues in corporate governance. The purpose of this course is to discuss contemporary issues in German and international corporate governance (e.g., international differences in corporate governance, stakeholder conflicts, enforcement, and compliance). It enables students to understand and discuss specific corporate governance mechanisms as well as new regulations in this area. Additionally, the student’s presentation techniques will be trained.

The seminar “*Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance*” is an elective course for Bachelor Studies (Degree: Bachelor of Science) at the School of Management and Economics (ECTS Points for this course: **5 ECTS**). The course can also be attended by Diploma students (CP for this course: **3 CP**).

Grading

The final grade of the seminar “*Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance*” results from the weighted arithmetical average of the individual grades for the following assignments (as described in module manual):

- **Scientific seminar paper (60% of final grade)**. Working time starts when receiving the topic on April 7, 2014. The seminar paper has to be submitted as printed copy and electronically as pdf file (via E-mail to Janine.Maniora@rub.de AND accounting@rub.de) until **May 30, 2014, 12:00 at noon**. Both versions of the seminar paper have to be submitted until the above deadline. By no later than **June 13, 2014** participants will be informed about passing or failing the seminar paper assignment.
- **Presentation of the seminar paper and active participation in the discussions of the seminar (40% of final grade)**. Presentations should take no longer than 12 minutes. Presentations of all participants have to be submitted until **June 27, 2014 12:00 at noon** in electronically as ppt/pptx file (via E-mail to Janine.Maniora@rub.de AND accounting@rub.de). Within the presentations presenter should distribute **handouts** to seminar participants as well as members of the chair.

Information: The topics for seminar paper are drawn by lot. Participants cannot apply for specific topics. Delayed submission of the seminar paper (printed copy or electronic file) or of the presentation leads to a grading of 5.0 for the delayed part of the respective assignment.

Participation Requirements

Interested students should ensure to fulfill the requirement of basic knowledge in accounting, corporate governance, and finance. In addition, students should have advanced English language skills as the seminar paper, its presentation, as well as its discussion will be in English. Literature research will be mainly in English as well. Before the course is going to start, everybody should be aware of the consequences in case of withdrawal. **Withdrawal leads to a grading of 5.0.**

Application and Limitations of Participants

The seminar “*Contemporary Issues in Corporate Governance*” is interactive. After each presentation, certain topics will be discussed by the presenter and the students.

Therefore a **limitation of participants (max. 10 students)** is strictly required. To ensure equal chances for each interested student, we choose candidates as follows:

- Every interested student has to fill in the application form (see our homepage) and submit the document personally to our secretary’s office (please note the opening hours!). **Application deadline is on April 4, 2014, 12:00 at noon.**
- Participants are selected randomly. All interested students will be informed via email on April 4, 2014 whether they can participate.

Please note: the student bindingly enrolls for this course with the application. **After the registration period has expired, the withdrawal from the seminar consequently means a seminar total grading of 5,0 (failed).**

Tentative schedule

Important Dates	
April, 4 2014	12:00 at noon: Registration period ends
April, 7 2014	Students will be informed about seminar participation and in case of selection participants will receive their seminar topics also via e-mail.
May 30, 2014	12:00 at noon: Written seminar paper must be submitted in both written and electronic format.
June 13, 2014	If the written seminar paper was not graded at least at 4,0, the seminar participant will be informed about his failing the written assignment part of the seminar. The student can then choose to either complete the seminar or to quit. Be aware that even in case of failure the written part, the student can still potentially pass the seminar in total provided that the presentation and discussion as well are graded very well (the special grading that the student must reach then has to be calculated individually in dependence of the written grading).
June 30, 2014	12:00 at noon: Presentations must be submitted via email.
July 4, 2014, July 11, 2014 Information about exact time and room will be announced a.s.a.p.	Presentations and discussions