

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 14, 2015. The seminar paper need to be submitted electronically (pdf file) via E-mail to Janine.Maniora@rub.de by **June 9, 2015**. **The submission of a written paper version is not required**. By no later than **June 16, 2015** 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 need to be submitted by **June 23, 2015** (ppt/pptx file) via E-mail to Janine.Maniora@rub.de. In seminar class, presenters should distribute **handouts** to seminar participants as well as members of the chair.

Information: The topics for seminar paper are drawn by lot. Participants are not able to apply for specific topics. Delayed submission of the seminar paper or of the presentation files lead 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 need to fill in the application form (see our homepage), submitting it then via E-Mail to janine.maniora@rub.de. **Application deadline is on April 14, 2015.**
- Participants are selected randomly. All interested students will be informed via E-mail by **April 21, 2014** whether they can participate or not.

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

Preliminary Schedule

Important Dates	
April 14, 2015	End of registration period
April 21, 2015	Students will be informed about seminar participation. In case of participation, students will receive their seminar topics via E-Mail.
June 9, 2015	Seminar paper must be submitted via E-Mail to janine.maniora@rub.de . The submission of a written paper version is not required! Students will get a confirmation of receiving the paper via E-Mail.
June 16, 2015	If the written seminar paper was not graded 4,0,(at least), the seminar participant will be informed about his failure.The student can then decide to either complete the seminar or to quit. Be aware that even in case of failure the paper assignment, the student will still have the chance pass the seminar in total, provided that the presentation and discussion are graded very well (the special grading that the student must reach then is calculated then individually).
June 23, 2015	Presentations must be submitted via E-Mail to janine.maniora@rub.de .
July 3 /4, 2015 July 10/11, 2015 July 17/18, 2015 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Room GBCF 04/255	Presentations and discussions: <u>The exact seminar date and time will be announced in June</u> , as the schedule process is dependent on the course size. However, please make sure that you are able to attend the seminar on every chosen date so far. The seminar attendance on those dates is an obligation for a successful participation in the seminar.