

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY COURSE**

<b>Course unit title</b>	<b>Research Work Methodology</b>	
<b>Programme</b>	Bachelor International Finance	
<b>Year of study</b>	2nd year	
<b>Level of course unit (e.g. first, second or third cycle)</b>	First, Bachelor's study	
<b>Course unit code</b>	<b>BFa004</b>	
<b>Name of lecturer(s)</b>	Dr.Aivars Spilbergs	
<b>Credit points</b>	3 ECTS	
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English	
<b>Type of course unit (compulsory, optional)</b>	Compulsory	
<b>Semester when the course unit is delivered</b>	4	
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	Face-to-face.	
<b>Aim of Course</b>	To provide basic knowledge of research and research methods, information gathering and analysis with SPSS; and practical skills in development of students' research works and independent study, starting from hypothesis statement and finishing with research conclusions and recommendations, and their recommendations.	
<b>Preliminary knowledge (prerequisites and co-requisites)</b>	Research work experience during the secondary education, IT, Statistics	
<b>Course contents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The research work principles.</li> <li>2. Research, its types and meaning in the study process.</li> <li>3. Research paper methodological requirements.</li> <li>4. Sources of information.</li> <li>5. Research methodology, analysis of literature, practical research.</li> <li>6. Application of SPSS.</li> </ol>	
<b>Planned learning activities and teaching methods</b>	Students participation in lectures, seminars, present their individual works. Final assessment is based on 10% active participation in discussions and seminars, 50% development and presentation of independent practical work, 40% written exam.	
	<b>Teaching methods</b>	Student work load (1 CP = 40 hours of student work)
	Lecture	25%
	Seminars, practical work	15%
	Development and presentation of individual work	40%
	Work at the library, independent studies	20%
	<b>Total 80 hours</b>	

<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand main principles and requirements of the research work;</li> <li>2. Is able to formulate topicality, design, data set of the research, explain and dispute about the results of the research;</li> <li>3. Is able to use related tools of the research in order to obtain answers to the stated question or problem of the research.</li> </ol>			
<b>Assessment methods and criteria</b>	Learning outcomes			
	The form of assessment	1.	2.	3.
	Test	●	●	
	Independent work and presentation	●	●	●
	●	●		
<b>Recommended or required reading</b>	<p><u>Compulsory literature:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Saunders, M. (2017) <i>Doing Research in Business and Management 2nd Edition</i>, Prentice Hall Financial Times: Pearson Education</li> <li>2. Bryman, A. (2019), <i>Business Research Methods 5E</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford</li> </ol> <p><u>Recommended literature:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Saunders, M., Lewis, P., Thornhill, A. (2019), <i>Research methods for business students</i>, Pearson</li> <li>2. Field, A. (2018), <i>Discovering Statistics Using SPSS</i>, Sage Publications Ltd, London</li> </ol>			
<b>Recommended optional programme components</b>	To be agreed at the start of the course			