

Course Syllabus

MASTER IN GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Course Title	GRC 715 – INTERNATIONAL AND EU FINANCIAL REGULATION
ECTS Credits	10
Semester	Fall / Spring
Teaching Methodology	Face to face
Prerequisites	N/A
Language of Instruction	English

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme, students are expected to:

- Demonstrate specialised knowledge of the main functions of the financial system
- Acquire and develop critical understanding on the need to adopt a regulatory framework for the financial industry and what policy tools and instruments may be utilised for this purpose.
- Develop the critical and intellectual abilities required to critically identify the limitations of regulation
- Gather, retrieve, synthesise, and critically evaluate information from a number of different primary and secondary data sources that will allow for a comparative analysis of the different applicable regulatory approaches
- To thoroughly understand how macro- and micro-prudential supervision complement each other in the strive to tackle systemic risk.
- Study and comprehend the development of financial regulation and the relevant regulatory institutions at different levels (international, European, the US and the UK)
- Reflect on and manage their acquired knowledge to propose practical solutions on how financial regulation can be improved and become more effective
- The overall aim is to ensure that students have gained a comprehensive view of why and how regulatory institutions develop and perform their duties

Course Content

- Main thematic areas:
- The Functions of the financial System
- Objectives and limitations of Financial Regulation
- Regulation as a Risk-Management Tool
- Supervision and Enforcement
- The international framework for International Financial Regulation
- The European Economic Regulatory Framework of the Single Market
- The cases of the UK and the US – Identifying regulatory styles and supervisory strategies
- The Global Financial Crisis
- Financial Technology

Assessment Method

Exam (60%)
Essay (20%)
Group Project (10%)
Participation (10%)

Key References – Text Books

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