

**MSc IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
(INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ECONOMICS)**

3RD SEMESTER - AUTUMN 2018 - MODULE DESCRIPTION

Module 7

30 ECTS

STADS Code:

7a - Internship: SBF700141C

7b - Working on a project in Denmark: SBF700144C

Location

3rd semester, Autumn semester, MSc in Economics and Business Administration
(International Business Economics)

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Type and language

Module Type: Elective module with diversified content

Language of Instruction: English.

Students are required to write their projects in English and sit their oral examination in English.

Objectives

The semester offers the student to select the preferred study activities in relation to the individual students' career plans.

Students can choose between the following study activities for their 3rd semester:

- 7a - Company collaboration
(project-oriented stay with a company and production of final project)
- 7b - Work on an academic project in Denmark
- 7c - Studies/courses under other master's programmes at AAU, other Danish universities or approved stay at international universities abroad

The student's 3rd semester study plan is organised in consultation with the programme coordinator and must be approved by the Study Board of Economics & Business Administration to ensure that they meet the requirements of what constitutes a fundamental component of the programme.

Electives provides the student with to opportunity to develop a specific professional competence as part of the chosen profile.

**Module 7a: Project-based internship, 30 ECTS credits**

A project-based internship is an opportunity to combine theories and methods from the programme with practice in firms and organizations. A project-oriented internship takes place in Danish or foreign firms, Danish institutions and authorities located in Denmark or abroad or foreign or international organizations. The internship must be relevant to the programme, and the involved tasks must be of an academic nature. At the end of the project-based internship the student must produce a project report. The project report shall be based on a topic chosen by the student, preferably incorporating the tasks which the student has been engaged in and the problem solving the student has undertaken in the firm or organization. The project report, on which the exam will be based, must document the theoretical and methodical deliberations underlying the solutions of the tasks and problem solving as well as the evaluation of and choice between alternative solutions.

Module 7b: Semester project, 30 ECTS credits

The aim of the module is to increase the student's competences in one or several of the core areas of the programme. The semester project must be completed in close collaboration with a relevant research environment. The chosen topic of the semester project must be approved by the Study Board of Economics & Business Administration.

Module 7c: Specialized electives, 30 ECTS credits

The aim of the module is to increase the student's competences within chosen academic problems. This can either be done by introducing new academic elements or expanding existing elements. The student must choose between study activities offered by the Study Board of Economics & Business Administration at Aalborg University, other study boards at Economics and Business Administration or other universities in Denmark or abroad. The specialized electives must be pre-approved by the Study Board of Economics & Business Administration and are evaluated as outlined in the relevant study guide.

Academic Content and Conjunction with other Modules/Semesters

Module 7 builds upon the theories and methods learned in the 1st and 2nd semester. Students choose themselves how to combine and expand their previously acquired skills and competencies. This practical application and further development prepares the students to undertake the research project for the master's thesis during the 4th semester.

Scope and Expected Performance

The module is equivalent to half a year's work; 30 ECTS.

The precise distribution of the workload:

7a+7b: Depends on the accommodating company, organisation or research group

7c: Depends on the chosen course. Activities decided by relevant study board

Participants

Students enrolled in the MSc International Business Economics programme.

Other degree students or guest students who wish to participate in the module may apply to the Study Board of Economics & Business Administration.

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Prerequisites for Participation

The students must be admitted to the Master's Degree Programme in Economics and Business Administration (International Business Economics). This requires a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration (all programmes and combinations) or other degree where commensurate qualifications are obtained.

Module Activities

7a+7b: Depends on the accommodating company, organisation or research group.

7c: Depends on the chosen course. Activities decided by relevant study board.

Examination

7a+7b: External, oral, based on project, 7-point grading scale.

7c: Depends on the chosen course. Examination form decided by relevant study board.

Examination Guidelines in relation to 7a+7b

Students will be required to write a project of between 50 and 75 pages (Including Tables and Figures. Excluding References, Appendices, Front Page, Table of Contents) and take part in an internal oral individual examination based on the project. A page is defined as 2400 characters including the spaces between words.

The duration of the examination is 1 hour for 1 student.

If you are in a group of 2 or more students writing your project, please note that the oral examination will be conducted on a group basis. Its duration will vary with the number of students in each group:

- 1 student - 1 hour
- 2 students - 1 ¾ hour
- 3 students - 2 ½ hour
- 4 students - 3 hours

With regard to group examinations, students will receive their individual grades while the entire group is present in the examination room. However, students have the right to request that they receive their grades without the rest of the group being present in the examination room. Students who would like to make use of this option must inform the examiner prior to the commencement of the examination.

Students are expected to make a presentation of about 15 minutes covering central issues that they would like to emphasize.

Assessment

Assessment is made on the basis of the formulated learning objectives and evaluation criteria described in the curriculum.

The grading will be done according to the Danish 7-point grading scale. The grade has a weight of 30/120.

Visit this link for details on grading:

http://www.en.fak.samf.aau.dk/digitalAssets/108/108739_7trinsskala-uk.pdf

Submission of Project

Students are required to:

- upload a copy of their final project to Digital Exam: <https://www.de.aau.dk/>
- submit two hard copies of their project at the secretariat.
- clearly mark their projects confidential if relevant.
- forward a hard copy of their final projects to the host company.