

# Master in Business Analytics Application Directives

Effective date: September 19, 2022

# 1. Internship

# **PREREQUISITE**

The student should have earned 60 ECTS credits from the core courses of the master program's first part and the complementary program, with the agreement of the Scientific Committee.

#### **MODALITY**

The student who chooses the master program's business concentration, must, for the second part, secure an internship linked to business analytics in a company/organization for a minimum length of ten months.

If the internship is obtained within the framework of an event organized by the Master program, the student must complete the 'Internship Agreement' document only. There is no need to complete the form 'Internship Project Description'. The 'Internship Agreement', available on GSEM website, is a written confirmation which certifies that s/he is connected with a company/organization. The program's Scientific Committee then validates the eligibility. Before the start of the internship, the student must identify at least one GSEM supervisor who accepts to advise the student during her/his internship and for the Master Thesis. If a student interrupts her/his internship within the business concentration, s/he has to secure a new internship to pursue her/his degree.

If the internship is not obtained through an event organized by the Master program, the student must complete the 'Internship Project Description'. This document, available on GSEM website, must be filled in by the company/organization and approved by the Scientific Committee of the Master program to help the student clearly define objectives and tasks for her/ his project. Before the start of the internship, the student must identify at least one GSEM supervisor who accepts to advise the student during her/his internship and for the Master Thesis. If a student interrupts her/his internship within the business concentration, s/he has to secure a new internship to pursue her/his degree.

# **EVALUATION**

Internship and GSEM supervisors evaluate the student progressively (e.g., month by month) and they report, on request, feedback to the program coordinator at the end of each semester. The final internship assessment received is turned into a pass/fail result and is granted 30 ECTS. The credits are shown on the students' transcript at the end of the related exam session.

#### **RETAKE MODALITY**

If the student fails, the Scientific Committee decides on the procedure to be followed.

# QUESTIONS

All questions can be sent to gsem-business-analytics@unige.ch

# 2. Master Thesis<sup>1</sup>

The study program for the Master of Science in Business Analytics includes a Master Thesis.

#### **PREREQUISITE**

If the student is enrolled in Business concentration, the student must have passed all the compulsory courses and complete his/her internship before submitting the Master Thesis.

If the student is enrolled in Research concentration, the student must have passed all the compulsory and elective courses before submitting the Master Thesis.

## **MODALITY**

In both concentrations it is possible for several students to make one Master Thesis together. To do so, the individual roles and contributions must be made clearly visible in the Master Thesis to allow an appropriate individual assessment. The students and the thesis supervisor must reach agreement on the thesis description and then the thesis description must be validated by the Scientific Committee.

#### **DEADLINE**

As soon as possible, the student must discuss the Master Thesis Project with potential Master Thesis supervisor(s).

As soon he/she can, the student will submit the 'Master Thesis Project Description' to the Scientific Committee of the Master program. Information about the content of the Master Thesis Project Description is available on <a href="mailto:GSEM website">GSEM website</a>. The Master Thesis Project Description should be sent by email to the Program Coordinator <a href="mailto:gsem-business-analytics@unige.ch">gsem-business-analytics@unige.ch</a>, with the student's supervisor(s) in copy, before starting working on the Master Thesis.

The Scientific Committee must approve the Master Thesis Project Description, which should be sent according to the following deadlines:

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis Project if expected completion in ordinary session of May-June: April 1st

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis Project if expected completion in extraordinary session of August-September: July 1<sup>st</sup>

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis Project if expected completion in ordinary session of January-February: November 1<sup>st</sup>

The Scientific Committee examines the Master Thesis Project Description and can either approve, ask for revision or reject it.

The student must then complete the Master Thesis and submit it to the supervisor according to the following deadlines:

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis if expected completion in ordinary session of May-June: May 20

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis if expected completion in extraordinary session of August-September; August 20

Deadline for the deposit of the Master Thesis if expected completion in ordinary session of January-February: December 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For students who will start their program in 2022-2023 and are in Business concentration, the master thesis is replaced by an internship report. The information related to the master thesis also apply to the internship report.

## **GUIDELINES**

For further details, about the content of the Master Thesis Project Description, the content of the Master Thesis as well as the documents to be provided at the end of the Master Thesis, please consult the 'Master Thesis Guidelines', available on GSEM Website.

#### **EVALUATION**

The GSEM supervisor evaluates the final Master Thesis paper. The program director then validates the grade received from the GSEM supervisor and this grade is considered at the end of the exam session.

For students who started their program before 2022-2023:

If the student is enrolled in Business concentration, the Master Thesis is linked to an internship and is granted 15 ECTS. If the student is enrolled in Research concentration, the Master Thesis is not linked to an internship and is granted 30 ECTS credits.

For students who started their program on 2022-2023:

If the student is enrolled in Business concentration, the Master Thesis takes the form of an internship report, which is linked to an internship and is granted 9 ECTS. If the student is enrolled in Research concentration, the Master Thesis is not linked to the internship and is granted 30 ECTS credits.

#### RETAKE MODALITY

If the student fails, the Scientific Committee decides the procedure to be followed.

## **QUESTIONS**

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# 3. Mobility

Article 5 of the study regulations is applicable. The following only applies to the Research concentration.

# **PREREQUISITE**

To obtain authorization to undertake an exchange program, the student must have earned in the first year of studies (i.e., in the first (Fall) semester and the second (Spring) semester) a minimum of 69 ECTS credits of compulsory courses and be registered for the Research concentration.

The student registered for the Business concentration is not authorized to do an exchange program.

The exchange program becomes possible from the program's third semester, for a maximum of 21 ECTS credits.

# **APPLICATIONS**

All relevant information regarding applications, allocation, study contract, academic calendar, verification/amendment of the learning agreement, delivery of the official transcript and consequences of failure of courses during the mobility stay are included in the 'Mobility guidelines', available on GSEM website.

# **QUESTIONS**

All questions can be sent to mobility-gsem@unige.ch