STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED
Accounting

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.
This course is intended to introduce students to a number of topics in empirical accounting research; and to familiarize students with the theory underlying the research, the nature of the research question addressed, and the method used to address the research question. The course will largely involve reading and discussing research papers. Topics include the information content and value relevance of accounting numbers, accounting-based anomalies, earnings management, economic implications of accounting choice.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME
Part 1: Introduction to accounting research
Part 2: Accounting research in an international context
Part 3: Research on earnings management
Part 4: Research on accounting conservatism vs fair value
Part 5: Research on the relation between firm governance and accounting numbers.
Part 7: Fundamental analysis.
Part 6: The economic consequences of accounting choice
Part 7: Fundamental analysis (use of accounting numbers for valuation, bankruptcy prediction, ...)
Part 8: Other relevant issues and research streams

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY
We combine lectures, where the professor develops the prior literature, with practical sessions, where several papers are discussed, and where students take the lead and present papers. Also, students have to prepare several individual assignments. Class participation is of great importance to assess the student.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
- Presentation and discussion of one or several papers
- Referee report
- Class participation
- Research proposal

Re-sit: 100% exam or research proposal

% end-of-term-examination: 0
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 100