

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTIVE COURSE

Name of the school :	Academic Year:
Haute école de gestion de Genève	2022-2023
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FIRST PART: DESCRIPTION OF MODULE			
1. Domain	Business and Services		
2. Department	International Business Management		
3. Course name	Trade and commodity finance		
4. Code	31016		
5. Type of education	 ☑ Bachelor ☐ Master ☐ MAS ☐ DAS / CAS / single days 		
6. Number of ECTS Credits	5		
7. Prerequisites	 ✓ Validation of the modules in semesters 1 and 2 ✓ Attendance of the modules in semesters 3 and 4 for full-time students, and semesters 5 and 6 for part-time students ✓ 		
8. Teaching language	☐ French ☐ German ☑ English ☐ Other :		
9. Objectives	Trade and Commodity Finance (TCF) is essentially concerned with the financing of trade flows and dealing with and mitigating country, credit and counterparty risks in these markets.		
	Geneva is the greatest Commodity Finance hub in the world and thus is a source of significant employment. Many HEG students are working in the TCF sector in banks as well as trading houses. The focus will be on the financing of physical commodity flows (oil, metals and agricultural products).		
	This course will examine financing trade and commodities from the banking perspective as well as from the trading company perspective.		
	The real understanding in Trade and Commodity Finance comes in being knowledgeable of the legal aspects underlying and supporting the instruments and documents used in financing. This knowledge will give you a competitive advantage on the job.		



10. Contents (General themes and descriptions, the accurate content may change)	The course follows the various stages of financing the supply chain from production through shipment to final payment for the product. As such the student will be introduced to fundamental working capital financing: receivables financinginventory financingproducer financing Students will learn the following:key payment terms and methods used in international tradeimportant contracts and documents necessary to make trade flow, such as letters of credit and bills of exchangethe essentials of how banks establish a security interest in the goods they are financing The course's philosophy is to be as real as practical as possible and much of the teaching is done through case studies based on real commodity financing transactions which convey to students real-life situations.			
11. Evaluation	The grading of the module shall be based on: • A written exam in week 15 of the semester; and/or			
	Mid-term assessments during weeks 1 to 14 according to the decision of the instructor. (The methods & weightings are communicated by the instructor before the evaluations).			
12. Remediation/repetition	 Compulsory remediation if the module grade is between 3.5 and 3.9 / 6. When subject to a remediation, only the grade of the remedial exam will be taken into account (maximum grade 4.0). A repeated module cannot benefit from a remedial exam. □ No remediation 			
13. Coordinator / main instructor	Richard Watts			



SECOND PART: LOCATION OF THE MODULE IN THE STUDY PLAN					
14. Level	 □ Basic module □ Advanced module □ Specialized module □ Other: 				
15. Characteristics	Module is mandatory (which could lead to final dismissal from the program, cf. art.15, al.1, « Statut des étudiant-e-s bachelor »)				
16. Type					
17. Time organization	☑ Module over 1 semester☐ Spring semester	☐ Module over 2 semesters☑ Fall semester	☐ Other		