



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Accounting of Alternative Investments Alternatyvių investicijų apskaita	

Academic staff	Core academic unit(s)
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit
First	Individualized studies

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
Face-to-face, remote	Spring semester	English

Requisites	
Prerequisites:	Co-requisites (if relevant):

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
5	130	48	82

Purpose of the course unit		
The purpose of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of private markets and the alternative investment industry, integrating accounting fundamentals, fund structures, valuation practices, taxation, and compliance to prepare them for informed analysis and decision-making in this field.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will know the structure and functioning of private markets and the alternative investment industry globally, regionally (Europe, Asia, US), and in Lithuania, as well as the main segments (private equity, real assets, private debt) and current trends.	Lectures, independent study of the literature, seminars, working on practical assignments, analysis of cases and preparation of presentations in teams.	Presentation of the case study in teams.
Will be able to apply accounting fundamentals, including the accounting equation, recognition of assets, liabilities, equity, income, and expenses, peculiarities of equity accounting, and preparation of financial information.	Seminars, independent study of the literature, individual work on practical exercises, tasks, analysis of cases. Accomplishment of tasks on eLearning system	Midterm tests
Will understand the principles of fund structures, key roles (GP, LP, AIFM, depositories, regulators), and the accounting implications of main fund activities such as capital calls, distributions, management fees, equalizations, rebalances, and waterfall mechanisms.	Seminars, independent study of the literature, individual work on practical exercises, tasks, analysis of cases.	Midterm tests

will be able to perform Net Asset Value (NAV) calculations, use worksheets for practical fund cases, and evaluate the impact of fund transactions on financial results.		
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Will know and critically assess key performance indicators, enterprise risk, and ESG factors influencing investment decision-making, understand the regulatory and taxation environment in Europe with emphasis on Luxembourg, and be able to apply compliance principles (KYC/AML, investor due diligence) as well as governance practices related to corporate secretarial services (CoSec) and boards in the management of alternative investment funds.	Lectures, seminars, independent study of the literature.	Midterm tests

Content	Contact hours							Individual work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory work	Internship	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Tasks for individual work
Private Markets and the Alternative Investment Industry									
1. Intro to Private Markets. What are Private Markets and Alternative Investment Industry? Private vs Public markets, key concepts.	1						1	0	
2. Alternative Investment, Industry in Europe & Asia, US. Introduction to Alternative Investment Industry in Europe & Asia, key concepts, key segments (Private Equity, Real Assets, Private Debt), trends and tendencies	1		2				3	15	Independent study of literature Preparation of the presentation on the selected fund strategy in teams
Fundamentals of Accounting									
3. Fundamentals of Accounting. Accounting principles, the main equation of accounting, the relationship of the equation of accounting and the main financial statements, the content of company assets, equity capital, and liabilities, the recognition of income and expenses, and their types. Accounting circle. Financial assets, their types and accounting.	4		5				9	15	Independent study of supplementary material, case study, solving tasks. Exercises Preparation for the first midterm test

The first midterm	1						1		
Fund Accounting Fundamentals									
4. Intro to Funds Structure, Key Concepts. General GP, LP, etc; Key players (AIFM, Depository, Local Regulators)	2		2				4	5	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the second midterm test.
5. Key fund activities and their implications to financial result. Capital Call & Distributions; Management Fees; Equalizations & Rebalances, Waterfalls.	6		6				12	16	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the second midterm test.
6. NAV calculations and & Practical Case study	1		1				2	15	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the second midterm test.
7. Key performance indicators.	1		1				2	0	
8. Enterprise Risk and ESG. ESG Impact to Investment decision process, Enterprise Risk / Governance	1						1	2	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the second midterm test.
The second midterm	1						1		
Regulatory Compliance and Governance Fundamentals									
9. Introduction to VAT & TAX for Funds in Luxembourg. General taxation principles within EU – governing laws & regulations, direct vs. indirect taxes, transfer pricing, etc. Intro to Direct taxes in Luxembourg – requirements, exemptions, etc.	2		4				6	7	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the third midterm test.
10. Introduction to KYC/ AML and risk. A foundational understanding of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) regulations within the alternative assets industry. It covers key compliance concepts, common regulatory requirements, and the importance of investor due diligence in mitigating financial crime risks.	2		2				4	7	Independent study of literature, case study, solving tasks, exercises Preparation for the third midterm test.
11. Introduction to CoSec and Boards, internal governance.	1						1	0	
The third midterm	1						1		
Total	22		26				48	82	

Assessment strategy	Weight %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Preparation of the analysis of the selected fund strategy and its presentation (Includes topics 1-2)	20	During semester	The presentation assignment, titled "Exploring Global Alternative Investment Fund Managers," aims to research and present the strategy, role, and impact of a specific global private markets fund manager. Evaluation will be based on content accuracy and depth (40%), structure and clarity (30%), and engagement and delivery (30%).

			Students are to form groups of five and select one fund manager from a provided list. The presentation, lasting five minutes, should include a firm overview detailing the name, headquarters, founding year, and size (including assets under management and global presence). It should also cover the investment focus and strategy, explaining the firm’s investment philosophy and any specialization in sectors or regions. Additionally, students should highlight one or two notable investments or acquisitions, discussing their significance, and address recent trends such as new fund launches or ESG initiatives. Finally, the presentation should offer insights into how the firm contributes to shaping the alternative investment landscape. The final grade takes the assessment of presentation multiplied by a coefficient of 0.2.																								
The first midterm test (Includes topic 3).	20	During the semester	<p>The test consists of closed-ended and open-ended questions based on the theory analysed, tasks, cases and exercises solved during classes. The test is given in a closed-book format on Moodle (eLearning system: emokymai.vu.lt) and includes a third topic.</p> <p>The final grade takes the test’s score multiplied by a coefficient of 0.2.</p> <p>The assessment of the first midterm test:</p> <table><tr><th>The number of correctly answered questions, %</th><th>The value of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>100</td><td>2,0</td></tr><tr><td>90</td><td>1,8</td></tr><tr><td>80</td><td>1,6</td></tr><tr><td>70</td><td>1,4</td></tr><tr><td>60</td><td>1,2</td></tr><tr><td>50</td><td>1,0</td></tr><tr><td>40</td><td>0,8</td></tr><tr><td>30</td><td>0,6</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>0,4</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>0,2</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0,0</td></tr></table>	The number of correctly answered questions, %	The value of the final grade	100	2,0	90	1,8	80	1,6	70	1,4	60	1,2	50	1,0	40	0,8	30	0,6	20	0,4	10	0,2	0	0,0
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The second midterm test (Includes topics 4-8).	40	During the semester	<p>The test consists of closed-ended and open-ended questions based on the theory analysed, tasks, cases and exercises solved during classes. The test is given in an open-book format on Moodle (eLearning system: emokymai.vu.lt) and includes 4-8 topics.</p> <p>The final grade takes the test’s score multiplied by a coefficient of 0.4.</p> <p>The assessment of the second midterm test:</p> <table><tr><th>The number of correctly answered questions, %</th><th>The value of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>100</td><td>4,0</td></tr><tr><td>90</td><td>3,6</td></tr><tr><td>80</td><td>3,2</td></tr><tr><td>70</td><td>2,8</td></tr><tr><td>60</td><td>2,4</td></tr><tr><td>50</td><td>2,0</td></tr><tr><td>40</td><td>1,6</td></tr><tr><td>30</td><td>1,2</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>0,8</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>0,4</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0,0</td></tr></table>	The number of correctly answered questions, %	The value of the final grade	100	4,0	90	3,6	80	3,2	70	2,8	60	2,4	50	2,0	40	1,6	30	1,2	20	0,8	10	0,4	0	0,0
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The third midterm test (includes 9-11 topics).	20	During the semester	The test consists of closed-ended and open-ended questions based on the theory analysed, tasks, cases and exercises solved during classes. The test is given in an open-book format on Moodle (eLearning system: emokymai.vu.lt) and includes 9-11 topics.																								

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Final grade	100		<p>The final grade consists of the total of all assessments (presentation, three midterm tests) and is expressed in the following way:</p> <p>95 – 100 % - 10 (excellent)</p> <p>85 – 94 % - 9 (very good)</p> <p>75 – 84 % - 8 (good)</p> <p>65 – 74 % - 7 (average)</p> <p>55 – 64 % - 6 (satisfactory)</p> <p>45 – 54 % - 5 (weak)</p> <p>35 – 44 % - 4 (unsatisfactory)</p> <p>25 – 34 % - 3 (very unsatisfactory)</p> <p>15 – 24 % - 2 (poor)</p> <p>0 – 14 % - 1 (extremely poor)</p>																								

Author (-s)	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing house or web link
Required reading				
Annand D., Dauderis H. (adapted by Jensen T.)	2020	Introduction to Financial Accounting		https://lyryx.com/introduction-financial-accounting/
Chambers, D. R., Anson, M. J. P., Black, K. H., Kazemi, H. B., & CAIA Association. (2020)	2020	Alternative investments: CAIA Level I	4th ed	Wiley Alternative Investments–CAIA Level I - Donald R. Chambers, Mark J. P. Anson, Keith H. Black, Hossein B. Kazemi, CAIA Association - Google knygos
Recommended reading				
Dyson J., Franklin E.	2017	Accounting for Non-Accounting Students	9 th edition	Pearson
	2018	Financial accounting (ACCA/FA), study text		Kaplan Publishing
Franklin M., Graybeal P., Cooper D.	2019	Principles of Accounting Volume 1: Financial Accounting		https://d3bxy9euw4e147.cloudfront.net/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/FinancialAccounting-OP_YioY6nY.pdf
Zeisberger, C., Prah, M., & White, B.	2025	Mastering private equity: Transformation via venture capital, minority investments & buyouts	2nd ed	Wiley

Hudson, M.	2014	Funds: Private equity, hedge and all core structures		Wiley
Staiger, R.	2023	Foundations of real estate financial modelling	3rd ed	Routledge
Stefanova, M.	2011	Private equity accounting: The global guide for private equity firms and fund accountants		PEI Media
PEI Media	2015	Private equity accounting, investor reporting, and beyond.		Financial Times Prentice Hall
Williams, D	2012	Private equity compensation and incentives: A practical guide for general partners, limited partners and portfolio-company managers		PEI Media
Scharfman, J. A.	2018	Private equity compliance: Analyzing conflicts, fees, and risks		Wiley
Zeisberger, C., Prah, M., & White, B.	2017	Private equity in action: Case studies from developed and emerging markets.		Wiley
van Zyl, N., & Lee, E. (Eds.).	2018	The LPA anatomised	2nd ed	PEI Media