

Our philosophy

1) Teaching

The finance department strives to combine theoretical foundation and application-oriented elements in its teaching approach. Therefore, the fundamental theoretical models are taught and applied upon relevant problems from the field. The students are to be prepared for a challenging career in an international setting. Hence, 100% of our courses are taught entirely in English and for case preparations the students are, where possible, combined into international teams. Courses taught by international colleagues are an inherent part of our curriculum. In order to keep our teaching strictly customer-oriented the students are asked regularly to evaluate the curriculum and courses.

2) Research

Research at the finance department is conducted mainly by the means of dissertation and specific research projects. In select cases research is based on extraordinary master theses. Overall objective is to perform theoretical research with a potential transfer for solving current problems in the field. The research focus of the finance department is corporate valuation and corporate finance. Current projects focus on fairness opinions, material adverse change (MAC) clauses in corporate transactions, transaction currency and performance as well as effects of debt financing in corporate valuation. The department strives to publish the research results in national and international journals and/or publicly available working papers.

3) Service for the finance community and local entrepreneurs

The finance department is offering services for the finance community to foster the knowledge transfer between academics and practitioners. For this reason in 2007 the Center for Corporate Transactions (CCT) was founded, which cooperates with corporate partners to solve relevant and practice-oriented problems concerning M&A topics. Furthermore, the finance department supports entrepreneurs and start-ups by providing business and management know-how. This goal is mainly achieved through the non-profit associations SMILE and SMILE.medibiz as well as through VIEW e.V., the association for innovation, start-up and growth at the HHL e.V.