

MKT 710/720/730/740

Research Seminar (Professors Homburg, Stahl, Kuester, Kraus)

We provide this information on how to apply for participation in the research seminar in the Area Marketing & Sales. The four different chairs of the Area Marketing & Sales have a slightly different set-up when it comes to organizing the marketing seminar. Once we have allocated you to one of the chairs, please visit the website of your supervising chair to find out about dates, workshops, and other chair-specific information.

Objectives of the Marketing Seminar

This research seminar aims at introducing master level students to academic work related to the research of contemporary challenges in marketing management and marketing research. The seminar is geared towards students who have shown high commitment in their course of study and who intend to write their master thesis in marketing. Participation in the seminar will enable students to independently explore a research topic by reviewing and discussing both theoretical foundations and empirical studies in a written paper. We will also introduce students to literature research techniques. Students will learn how to organize and structure their research and manage this project over a given period of time. Furthermore, students will learn presentation techniques and present their findings to the class.

The seminar paper can be written either in English or in German, with some exceptions which are clearly indicated. Students who write their seminar paper in English can receive English ECTS.

General Information

Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Christian Homburg Prof. Dr. Florian Stahl Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuester Prof. Dr. Florian Kraus
Type	Seminar (Paper and presentation)
ECTS	6
Credit Hours	2 SWS
Semester	Each semester
Language	English preferred, German possible
Pre-requisites	Module MKT 510 (<u>or</u> Bachelor Course Marketing Fundamentals MKT 301)
Range of Application	M.Sc. MMM, M.Sc. MMBR, M.Sc. Business Education

Course Registration & Organization

Students must formally apply for the research seminar in the Area Marketing & Sales by sending their transcript of records of their undergraduate and graduate courses (Bachelor certificate/"Vordiplom" and grades of all graduate courses taken so far, **including GPAs**), and the completed topic priority form (tba). Applications can be submitted to Andreas Bayerl by e-mail (preferably as one document in pdf format) between January 27 and February 7, 2020 (until 12:00 pm noon). Late applications will not be accepted. For details regarding the application process, please consider the [information sheet](#).

We will inform students about their admission to the seminar and their assigned chair by February 12, 2020.



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Course Requirements

Meetings & Workshops

- Students admitted to the seminar will take part in a kick-off meeting organized by the chair supervising their seminar paper. The individual chairs will announce date, time, and location of the kick-off together with the student allocation to the chairs by February 12, 2020. During the kick-off session, we brief students about the course and academic work in general and we assign the topics. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with the centralized guidelines for seminar theses prior to the first session so that remaining questions can be addressed during this initial meeting.
- Some of the chairs organize additional literature research workshops and/or presentation technique workshops. Participation in these workshops is mandatory and details will be communicated by the individual chairs after students have been assigned to their chair.

Seminar Paper

- Each student will prepare a seminar paper (15-20 pages) as an individual assignment on their topic. Detailed information with regard to the topics offered in the spring term will be published on the homepages of the chairs. We expect that students comply with the guidelines for written assignments.
- One hard copy (spiral binding) of the seminar paper is to be submitted to the secretary's office of the assigned chair during office hours (9:00 am - 12 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm). A digital version in doc(x) format of the seminar paper is to be submitted by e-mail to the secretary's e-mail address. The deadline for both submissions differs slightly across chairs and is announced on their individual websites.
- The seminar paper will account for 70% of the overall grade.
- We will check all seminar papers for evidence of plagiarism using the software "turnitin".

In-Class Presentation

- Students will present the results of their research in class. It is intended to have a short PowerPoint presentation of 15 minutes (per student) which will be followed by a question and answer session of approximately 10 minutes (per student).
- Scheduled presentation times and dates differ slightly across chairs and are visible on the chairs' individual websites.
- Finalized slide material in PowerPoint format is to be sent to the respective course administrator by the date announced on the chair's website.
- The presentation will account for 30% of your grade.

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Class Participation

Participation in all sessions is mandatory. If students are unable to attend a session, they must inform the course administrator of their absence beforehand. We expect all students to actively participate in the question and answers sessions.

Research Seminar Schedule

Central Application Period of the Area Marketing & Sales

January 27 – February 7, 2020
12:00 pm (noon)

**Central Announcement of Participants' Allocation to Chairs
(by e-mail)**

February 12, 2020

Kick-off Session at the individual chairs:

- Course Objectives and Organization;
- Research & Writing Guidelines; Student Q&A

Mid-February (specific date: see chair website)

Workshop: Literature Research Techniques

Offered together with kick-off session by
some chairs

Individual Research Phase

Submission of your Seminar Paper

End of April (specific date: see chair website)
12:00 pm (noon)

Workshop: How to Deliver an Academic Presentation

Offered by some chairs (specific date: see chair
website)

Submission of your Presentation

Beginning of May (specific date: see chair website)
12:00 pm (noon)

In-Class Presentations

Mid-May (specific dates: see chair website)

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Remark

The information provided in this syllabus presents the **general organizational framework** of writing a seminar thesis in the Area Marketing & Sales. For information about the dates and workshops that differ across chairs, please consider the **chair-specific syllabi** on the four individual chair websites.

[MKT 710: Chair of Business-to-Business-Marketing, Sales & Pricing, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Christian Homburg](#)

[MKT 720: Chair of Quantitative Marketing and Consumer Analytics, Prof. Dr. Florian Stahl](#)

[MKT 730: Chair of Marketing & Innovation, Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuester](#)

[MKT 740: Chair of Sales & Services Marketing, Prof. Dr. Florian Kraus](#)