

Our philosophy

1) Teaching

The 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, 70% 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 with an emphasis on information asymmetry, internal financing, liquidity, IPOs and quality of investment research reports. 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

The finance department is offering services for the finance community to foster knowledge transfer between academics and practitioners. For this purpose the internet homepage is providing selected tools, links and edited data like current multiples, regressions, and volatilities for certain indices or industries. Corporate valuation cases, lecture videos, lecture slides and Excel sheets for option pricing, calculating fade factors, and value-driver valuations are also offered. All this combined with a frequently asked questions section completes the "Analyst Help Desk". The services and data offered are regularly updated.

4) Service for local entrepreneurs

One goal of the finance department is to support local entrepreneurs and start-ups by providing business and management know-how. This goal is mainly achieved through a non-profit association named VIEW e.V. (association for innovation, start-up and growth at the HHL e.V.) founded by the finance department. View is offering a broad variety of services to local scientific entrepreneurs from fields as diverse as biology and chemistry to name a few.

The homepage of VIEW is only available in German.

