Master in Life Sciences

Module title	Management and Leadership for Life Sciences
Code	B2
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Workload	3 ECTS (e.g. 90 working hours)
	- Preparatory tasks incl. asycnchronous Distance Learning Programs, Group
	Assignments, Self-Study 69.5h
	- Central Teaching and Local teaching 20.5 h
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	Controlling: Thomas Längin, BFH
Entry requirements	Knowledge in business administration (level module B1) is required
	Pre-course reading assignments will be up-loaded on Moodle.
	Preparation for the module, the central and local teachings is mandatory.
Learning outcomes	After completing the module, students will be able to:
and competences	differentiate levels of management – normative, strategic, operational
	differentiate forms of leadership: indirect vs. direct
	differentiate management from leadership
	• differentiate vision and mission and evaluate their importance for and impact on the
	corporate culture and success of a company
	apply the basics of a strategy definition process
	 link strategy with budgeting, describe the benefits of budgeting and create a simple budget
	• acquire the basics of the HRM cycle and the role of an executive (focus on staffing)
	• assess the impact of an executive on staff members – leadership styles and their
	impact on leadership
	develop a personalized toolbox to be used as a future executive
Module contents	Whether there is a difference in management and leadership is widely discussed in theory. For sure they have a strong interdependency; they are interlinked and sometimes
	hard to differentiate. In this module we will differentiate the abilities and skills required to
	run a company from abilities and skills that are required to lead people. We will show how
	management and leadership are related and that skills in management and leadership are
	required to successfully run a company.
	Treated topics on indirect Leadership: Management (= how to run a company)
	General
	 Leading people (=Leadership) vs. managing a company (=Management)
	Planning: Corporate Culture, Strategy, Goals and Budgeting
	 Different management levels and respective goals

A cooperation between BFH, FHNW, HES-SO, ZHAW



	Introduction to strategic management – differentiation of corporate vs. business
	strategy
	Strategy development process: Learning along the methodology and tools:
	- Tools for strategic analyses
	- The role of norm strategies (BCG-Portfolio, etc.)
	 Vision, mission and the role of goals and company culture
	 Breaking down strategy and goals to one's own business unit
	 Capital budgeting vs. operating budgeting
	Staffing and Human Resource Management
	 Role of HRM and the HR-Manager in the company and its support for team
	leaders
	- "HR-Cycle"
	Controlling: Means and measures
	- Calculation, cost estimation and cost controlling
	- Comparison of planned vs. actual expenses
	- Role of KPI-systems (e.g. Balanced Score Card)
	Topics treated on (direct) Leadership – how to interact with people
	Leadership: Basics, people in companies and support from indirect leadership
	 Impact of corporate values, vision and mission on direct leadership
	 Psychology: on behavior, incentives, motivation, job satisfaction
	 Concepts of leadership, styles of management
	 Self-organization/management, time management
	 Basics in labor law and workplace security
	 Recruiting: Assessment of job applications and job interview
Teaching / learning	feedback, termination conversation etc.)
Teaching / learning methods	Central Teaching: advanced organizers / case studies / group assignments / Asynchronous
methods	Learning: distance learning programs incl. video clips, exercices, readings, pop
According to f	quizzes Local Teaching: case studies / single and group assignments / role play
Assessment of	Online final exam, written, closed book with a self-written summary of 1 A4 page printed
learning outcome	on both sides or 2 A4 pages printed on one side. (100%)
Format	7 weeks For ZHAW and FHNW: Spring semester, CW 08-14
Timing of the module	
	For BFH and HES-SO: Autumn semester, CW 38-44
Venue	Central online teaching / decentral teaching at respective school
Bibliography	Mandatory: Steingruber P, Capaul R, 2014. Business Studies - An introduction to the St.Gallen Management Model (4 th
	edition – <i>e-Book</i>). Cornelsen Verlag, Berlin, 576 p.
	Dyson J, 2017. Accounting for Non-Accounting Students (9 th edition). Financial Times Prentice Hall, New
	Jersey, 512 p.
	Readings according to the reading list on moodle
	Optional:
	Kühn R, Fuhrer U, 2017. Marketing – Analysis and Strategy. 1 st edition. Werd Weder Verlag, Thun, 152 p.



	Northouse PG, 2021. Leadership: Theory and practice (9 th edition). SAGE, Thousand Oaks, 600 p.
	Rosenberg M.B., 2015. Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy
	Relationships (3 rd edition). Puddledancer Press, Encinitas CA, 264p.
	Welch J, 2005. Winning. HarperCollins Publishers, 372 p.
	Drucker P F, 2006. The Effective Executive: The Definitive Guide to Getting the Right Things Done (18 th
	edition). Harperbusiness Essentials, New York, 182 p.
	Gordon T, 2001. Leader Effectiveness Training. Berkeley Publishing Group, New York, 306 p.
	Allen D, 2015. Getting Things Done – the art of stress-free productivity. Penguin Books, New York, 317 p.
Language	English
Links to other	Knowledge of Business at the level of B1 is a prerequisite for B2
modules	
Comments	Pre-reading assignments / preparation is mandatory and required for class. Contents
	treated during local teaching will be included in the exam.
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