

Empirical Corporate Finance (ECF)

Instructions for Individual Work

Masters in Finance (Elective Course Unit)

2019/2020, 1st Semester

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Including the pwp file for the presentation

FORMAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REPORT:

- Maximum words: 2,500 words (not including references and tables in annex)
- Times New Roman, size 11, multiple spacing 1.5x
- Margins 2.5
- Follow APA rules for citations

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH NOTE

This work is an individual Research Note that consists of a short literature review in a specific topic. Topics can be selected from the list below. The list is available on Aquila and topic is chosen there in a first-come-first-serve basis.

HOW SHOULD YOU DO THIS WORK?

1. Read carefully the papers and docs in the zip folder called “session 1 – materials academic research”. They will provide you with very important knowledge of how you should do research and write in academic terms.
2. Also look to the session 1 academic research presentation, as you should follow the indications provided there.

3. The paper should be organized as follow: Abstract; Introduction; Literature review; conclusions. The literature review section can have subsections if you wish.
4. The paper should have tables similar to the ones at the end of this document. Please adapt the table suggested to your own case. Use at least 10 papers in each table, but don't forget that quantity is not quality!!!!
5. You should organize your work as follows: 1) read the academic research docs; 2) search for papers on your topic in google scholar; 3) select the papers you want to use in your research; 4) Fill the table with those papers; 5) Identify the main trends of research in your topic; 6) write the paper; 7) Review the paper!!!

Literature review table (to theoretical papers)

Author	Topic paper	Type of analysis	Main conclusions
Name (year)			
Name (year)			

Literature review table (to empirical papers)

Author	Region/Country	Period	Methodology	Dependent variable	Independent variables	Main conclusions
Name (year)						
Name (year)						