International Accounting

Course Description

The course covers financial reporting in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The course objective is to provide students with a working knowledge of general-purpose financial reporting under the IFRS and compare it with accounting under the German Commercial Code (HGB). The focus is on the IFRS and not the US-GAAP as a global reporting language because the former is becoming increasingly important for German companies (i.e., listed parent companies must prepare consolidated financial statements in accordance with the IFRS as of the years 2005 or 2007).

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