

AUDITING IN FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

MSc Degree in Auditing

Code: 9595121

Main Scientific Area: Auditing

Lecturer: Ricardo Jorge Pereira

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S2

Contact Hours: 28h Total Workload: 112h

ECTS: 5,0

Objectives

The unit framework of Audit in Financial and Insurance Activities aims to provide students with adequate training to carry out an audit to Financial and Insurance companies highlighting the features of control, risk management and governance. Additionally, plans to address the regulatory requirements of the audit function, including the Notice no. 5/2008 of Banco de Portugal, and illustrate some current practices of auditing the Banking and Insurance.

Learning Outcomes

The unit framework of Audit in Financial and Insurance Activities should provide students with knowledge of auditing in the financial sector, due the requirements of reference of the audit function and the regulatory requirements of the Portuguese Central Bank and the Insurance Institute of Portugal. Also, it should provide expertise in the creation and organization of the audit function, as well as within the definition of the main guidelines for conducting audits in the financial and insurance activities.

Course Contents

Introduction to Financial System

Establishment of the Audit Function

Organization of the Audit Department

Audit to Bank Branches

Audit to the Security of Bank Branches

Audit in Insurance Activity

Credit Audit

IT and Central Services Audit

Internal Control Report

Recommended Bibliography

ARENS, Alvin A., LOEBBECKE, James K. (2000), Auditing – An Integrated Approach, Prentice-Hall, Inc, New Jersey

Aviso n.º 5/2008 (Sistema de Controlo Interno) do Banco de Portugal

BEJA, R. (2004), "Risk Management: Gestão, Relato e Auditoria dos Riscos do Negócio", Lisboa, Áreas Editora.

CASTANHEIRA et al. (2010), "Factors associated with the adoption of risk-based internal auditing", Managerial Auditing Journal, 25/1: 79-98

COSO – The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2004), "Enterprise Risk Management – Integrated Framework", COSO.

Handbook of International Auditing (2004), Assurance and Ethics Pronouncements,

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KONRATH, Larry F. (2002), Auditing, Thomson Learning, Canada, 5th edition.

MCNAMEE, David SELIM, Georges. M. (1998): Risk Management: Changing the internal auditor's paradigm. Flórida . IIA . IIA.

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Modelo de Avaliação de Riscos (MAR) do Banco de Portugal

Learning and Teaching Methods

The curricular unit contents were defined according the objectives to be achieved, as well as skills to be acquired by students. The curricular unit aims to provide students with adequate training to carry out an audit to Financial and Insurance companies highlighting the features of control, risk management and governance. For this, the curricular unit includes a focus on the audit cycle of Bank and Insurance branches, after the introductory content analysis, properly organized, allowing to acquire an adequate knowledge base to support these topics.

Assessment Methods

Normal time:

evaluation of written test - 40% of the final grade

Presentation summary of "paper" international - 60% of the final grade

Other times:

Evaluation of written test