

Presentations & Reports

(valid from winter term 2025/26)

MBR A/II

General Information

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Time & Location: The kick-off session will take place on **Friday, April 24, 2026**,
from **10:00 to 12:00 s.t.** in room **RG – 024** (Ludwigstr. 28, rear building).

Credits: MBR Course (A/II module), counts as 2 SWS (3 ECTS). Requirements for passing the course consist of attending the course kick-off lecture, writing a referee report AND attending five seminar presentations by non-LMU speakers at eligible seminar series. All requirements have to be fulfilled within two semesters.

Applicability: These new grading and participation requirements hold for all LMU SOM doctoral students entering MBR as of winter term 2025/26.

Course Description

Presentations & Reports is a doctoral-level course designed to foster critical engagement with academic research and to develop key skills in scholarly communication. The course aims to strengthen students' ability to assess academic work from a reviewer's perspective and to reflect on standards of academic quality and argumentation.

Additionally, it provides an opportunity to engage with current research by attending high-level guest presentations from scholars external to the university. Through this dual focus, the course helps

participants refine their analytical thinking, deepen their understanding of academic publishing practices, and broaden their exposure to diverse research approaches and topics.

Assignment & Grading

Participants are required to complete **three** components to pass the course:

1 Kick-off session

- a. Participation and registration at the kick-off session are mandatory.

2 Referee report

- a. Each student must submit a referee report of a quality suitable for submission to a high-ranked journal.
- b. The report should review a full paper to be presented at a research talk at an eligible LMU SOM seminar (details see below).
- c. The referee report has to be sent to mbr-reports@som.lmu.de **before** the seminar presentation takes place.
- d. The report should include comments to the authors and a brief comment to the editor with the decision of the student (e.g., reject, major revision, minor revision, conditional acceptance).

3 A completed form with 5 attended seminar presentations

- a. Several seminar series at LMU SOM (see below) qualify for fulfilling the attendance requirement of this course.
- b. Students must attend five presentations. However, only seminars given by external speakers (i.e., not LMU faculty) are eligible.
- c. The five seminars must not all come from the same series (e.g., not exclusively from ORG).
- d. Students are required to provide proof of attendance by the organizer's signature.
- e. Course requirements need to be met within **two** semesters after course registration. The referee report submission and the attended seminar sessions need to take place in this time period.

Further Information

- The kick-off session is held in English.
- Attendance to the kick-off is **mandatory**. Students have to provide a confirmation of attendance (signature of Prof. Elsas-Nicolle obtained during the event).
- Reports generated for conferences are **not** eligible for the course.
- The kick-off session will delineate how to write referee reports.
Note, however, that a report
 - requires intense and careful analyses of the academic study it deals with.
 - should be written in a scientific and constructive style.

- Trivial or AI-written referee reports are not eligible for the course. In doubtful cases, another referee report has to be submitted, or alternatively, an oral presentation is required.

List of eligible seminar series at LMU SOM

- Finance and Risk Seminar (Professorship for Behavioral Risk Management and Insurance)
- ORG Seminar (Institute for Strategy, Technology and Organization)
- Risk and Microeconomics Seminar (Munich Risk and Insurance Center)
- Accounting Research Workshop (Institute for Accounting and Controlling)
- CAMS (LMU Center for Advanced Management Studies)
- Munich Finance Day (Institute for Finance and Banking, only with LMU-external speakers)