

Information and Insurance

Hauptseminar (6 ECTS)

Main Information

Lecturers:	Prof. Dr. Andreas Richter
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Time & Place:	(see <i>Tentative Schedule</i>)
Start Date:	October 21, 2025
Credits:	6 ECTS
Language:	English
Participants:	Students of Business Administration (Bachelor BWL) and students of business mathematics (Bachelor Wirtschaftsmathematik)

Course Description & Main Objectives

The seminar focuses on problems that arise from asymmetric information between insurance companies and insurees, such as moral hazard, adverse selection and insurance fraud. Further topics include catastrophe risk, risk perception, insurance demand as well as topics related to the digitization in the insurance industry. The participation in the seminar includes the presentation of a written home assignment and taking part in discussions during joint sessions, where all topics will be discussed with active involvement of the participants. Scientific research and writing strategies will be conveyed to help participants learn to solve a scientific problem by reading up on relevant literature.

Each student will be required to write a seminar paper, present this seminar paper in class, and discuss a paper written by another student. All three aspects, together with the participation, will be considered when grades are determined. Further details concerning the paper, the presentation and the discussion will be given during the kick-off meeting.

Application

The number of participants in this seminar is restricted.

For Business Administration (BWL) students, important information on the application process and deadlines can be found [here](#).

Students of **Bachelor Business Mathematics** (Wirtschaftsmathematik) may participate after a successful registration by email to mccabe@lmu.de with your CV, matriculation number, and transcript of records (Kontoauszug) before **September 25, 2025**. An email will be sent to you before October 1, 2025 to tell you whether your registration is successful.

Examination

Type of examination: paper, presentation, discussion of another paper (in English). The seminar will be valued with 6 ECTS.

The successful participation in this seminar qualifies for writing a bachelor thesis at the Institute for Risk Management and Insurance.

Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Location
October 21	10 am – 11:30 am	Kick-Off-Meeting (obligatory)	Room 314, Schackstraße 4
October 22	10 am – 11:45 am	Scientific Writing (voluntary)	Room 314, Schackstraße 4
October 22		Allocation of topics and start writing	Via email
December 03	before 11:59 am	Submission of papers (digital version)	LRZ Sync & Share
December 08-12	Individual	Feedback on papers and allocation of discussions	tba
December 15	before 11:59 am	Submission of presentations (pdf)	LRZ Sync & Share
December 16-17	approx. 8 am – 1 pm	Presentations of papers and discussions (obligatory)	Room 314, Schackstraße 4