

IMESS DISSERTATION



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Please note that IMESS students are not required to use a particular set of methods (e.g. qualitative, quantitative, or comparative) in their dissertation.

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Dissertation title:	Evaluation of International Financial Integration on Growth in CEE Countries

	70+	69-65	60-61	59-55	54-50	<50
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Knowledge <i>Knowledge of problems involved, e.g. historical and social context, specialist literature on the topic. Evidence of capacity to gather information through a wide and appropriate range of reading, and to digest and process knowledge.</i>	X					
Analysis & Interpretation <i>Demonstrates a clear grasp of concepts. Application of appropriate methodology and understanding; willingness to apply an independent approach or interpretation recognition of alternative interpretations; Use of precise terminology and avoidance of ambiguity; avoidance of excessive generalisations or gross oversimplifications.</i>	X					
Structure & Argument <i>Demonstrates ability to structure work with clarity, relevance and coherence. Ability to argue a case; clear evidence of analysis and logical thought; recognition of an argument's limitation or alternative views; Ability to use other evidence to support arguments and structure appropriately.</i>		X				
Presentation & Documentation <i>Accurate and consistently presented footnotes and bibliographic references; accuracy of grammar and spelling; correct and clear presentation of charts/graphs/tables or other data. Appropriate and correct referencing throughout. Correct and contextually correct handling of quotations.</i>		X				
Methodology <i>Understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research.</i>			X			

ECTS Mark:	B/66	Charles Mark:	B	Marker:	Petr Jeřábek
<i>Deducted for late submission:</i>			<i>No</i>	Signed:	
<i>Deducted for inadequate referencing:</i>				Date:	

MARKING GUIDELINES

A (UCL mark 70+) = A (Charles mark 91-100 - excellent): Note: marks of over 80 are given rarely and only for truly exceptional pieces of work.

Distinctively sophisticated and focused analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research.

B (UCL mark 69-65) = B (Charles mark 81-90 - very good)

C (UCL mark 64-60) = C (Charles mark 71-80 - good): A high level of analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Good understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research. 65 or over equates to a B grade.

D (UCL mark 59-55) = D (Charles mark 61-70 - satisfactory)

E (UCL mark 54-50) = E (Charles mark 51-60 - sufficient):

Demonstration of a critical use of sources and ability to engage in systematic inquiry. An ability to engage in sustained research work, demonstrating methodological awareness. 55 or over equates to a D grade.

F (UCL mark less than 50) = F (Charles mark 0-50 - insufficient):

Demonstrates failure to use sources and an inadequate ability to engage in systematic inquiry. Inadequate evidence of ability to engage in sustained research work and poor understanding of appropriate research techniques.

Please provide substantive and detailed feedback!

Comments, explaining strengths and weaknesses (*at least 300 words*):

The Yang Yang's master thesis deals with the topic of evaluation and research of international financial integration on the economic growth in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The theoretical and analytical part is in the thesis equally distributed. First chapter is focused on the detailed literature review, which enables to understand and get to know basic overview about previous and current research of selected topic. I appreciate especially the wide range of literature author worked with. In the second- and third-chapters author set the hypothesis and specified the methodology. For practical reasons these two parts could have been unified.

In the following robustness, analysis author points out the statistical data and analyses in order to evaluate international financial integration of CEE countries. Since author works with many different data, the clear specification of methods would be benefit for understanding of author's research. On the other hand, all data, graphs and table used in the thesis are relevant and actual.

Overall, I rate it positively that author has provided deep and structural analysis and presented her results in graphs. The strength of the thesis is also wide range of literature used by author and its confrontation with analysed data. The thesis is readable. Author has proved ability to work with many different data from different sources. For some future research, I would recommend clarifying the methodology since for this type of works it is highly demanded. However, this weakness can be accepted because of using many different data and their analysing. From the formal point of view, all the graphs should be quoted, and the names of figures should be above them. Despite mentioned formal small mistakes I can fully recommend the thesis for the defence with the final grade B.

Specific questions you would like addressing at the oral defence (*at least 2 questions*):

- 1) How important are FDI for the development of the economics of CEE?
- 2) Are there any differences/similarities in importance of international financial integration in CEE countries?