

2019 HISS Syllabus (Financial Management)

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This course introduces the basic principles used in financial management and their applications in the long-term investment and financing. These principles are characterized in time value of money and relation between risk and return. Once the students acquire the basic knowledge on these principles, they will learn how to apply their knowledge to the valuation of stocks and bonds, financial planning, capital budgeting, long-term financing, capital structure, and dividend policy and risk management.

Description:

* Upon completing this course the students ought to be able to make basic decisions regarding which project to take, and if so, when; how to finance a project; how much of payouts, in what form, to make; how much debt to carry; and how to hedge away potential risks associated with basic operations of a firm. This course also lays foundation for more advanced investment and corporate finance topics to be taught in the higher-level finance courses.

Field Trip / Invited Speaker

Depending on the schedule and students' interest, the instructor may be able to arrange a 2-3 hour field trip for the students to get the "feel" of the financial market/industry. Students have an opportunity of hearing from financial experts about how financial markets functions, how to invest, employment opportunities, etc. Alternatively, we can arrange to invite a financial expert to speak in class.



Objectives:	Develop critical thinking skills of financial concepts				
	• Familiarize with the types of the decisions that typically confront financial				
	managers				
	• Ensure that students are competent in the utilizing knowledge of analytical				
	techniques				
	commonly employed in the financial decision-making process				
Preparations:	* No prerequisite required.				
	* Textbook: Essentials of Corporate Finance, 9th ed. by Jordan, Westerfield and Ross,				
	2017, McGraw Hill-Irwin.				
	* Lecture notes (chapter outlines), practice questions, solutions for problems, and				
	other materials related to the course are provided by the instructor.				

		I. Overview of Corporate Finance			
	Week 1	Ch. 1: Introduction to Financial Management			
		II. Valuation of Future Cash Flows			
		Ch. 4: Introduction to Valuation: Time Value of Money			
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	Week 2	Ch. 7: Application: Stock Valuation			
		III. Capital Budgeting			
		Ch. 8: Capital Budgeting: Decision Criteria			
		Ch. 9: Capital Investment Decisions			
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Schedule:	Week 3	VI. Risk and Return in Capital Market			
		Ch. 10: Some Lessons from Capital Market History			
		Ch. 11: Return, Risk, and the Security Market Line			
		V. Cost of Capital and Financial Policy			
		Ch. 12: Raising Capital and Cost of Capital			
		Ch. 13: Capital Structure and Financial Leverage			
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	Week 4	Ch. 2: Financial Statements and Cash Flows			
		Ch. 3: Financial Statement Analysis			
		Games/Special Session/Field Trip			
		Comprehensive Review			
		Final Exam			



Evaluation (%)	Midterm	Final	Attendance	Assignments	Participation	Efforts
	35	40	10	15	0 - 5	5 - 10