

Corporate Finance Course Syllabus

Spring 2024 undergraduate course: 3 credits

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Course Overview

After having the basic knowledge of financial management, in this semester we will learn the core principal of corporate finance. In first topic, we will learn what is the efficient capital markets and behavioral finance. In the second topic, we will learn the theory of capital structure and the capital budgeting for the levered firm. In the third topic, we will learn the corporate payout through the theory of dividend policy. The fourth big topic is the introduction of derivative and how they are used in corporate finance. Finally, we briefly introduce the corporate control in mergers & acquisitions.

Course Textbook

Ross, S.A., R.W. Westerfield, J.F. Jaffe and B.D. Jordan, Corporate Finance, 13th ed., McGraw-Hill.

Course Requirements

Course lecture and participation

This course will be proceeding by course lecture once a week in class hours. The lecture notes are mostly based on this book. The relevant chapters are indicated in the course schedule. The course schedule could be adjusted according to your learning achievement. This textbook can be used as background reading for those of you who wish to read ahead of the lecture or dig deeper into the material. The score of course participation will be graded by the performance of your interpretation in our class discussion. This course will use the eeclass of NTHU. I will upload the lecture on every Tuesday night at latest. It is your responsibility to check the site regularly for class announcements and materials.

Exams

There are three exams in this course. The formats are multiple choices covered the contents of class lectures and textbook, the concept problems from the “Concept Questions” and calculating problems selected from the “Questions and Problems” at the end of each chapter we have covered. All the class requirements can be adjusted during the semester with prior notice.

Assignment

I will announce the assignment at the week of second midterm exam. The

assignment will be the case study according to our covered topics. The deadline of the assignment is at the end of final exam. The format of assignment will be announced in eeclass along with the task.

Grading

Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Mini Case	30%
Assignment	10%