



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

FN 312 Investments

Semester 2/2017 (January 8 – May 20, 2018)

Lecture Time: Wednesdays, 11.00 – 14.00 hrs.

Lecture Venue: Room 304, Faculty of Economics

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Office Hours: By appointment

Prerequisites: (1) FN201 and (2) MA216 and (3) BA204 or (ST211 and ST212) or (ST216 and ST217) or (ST218 and ST319)

Course Description and Objectives:

This course aims to provide the student with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complex questions and tradeoffs facing any investor, along with the necessary theoretical background for critically evaluating alternative investment strategies and the modern literature on investments. The course is designed to provide a conceptual framework for analyzing investment decisions, and the course will entail the use of a number of different statistical tools, ranging from the notion of probability distributions through linear regression analysis.

Required Textbook and Recommended Readings:

[Required Textbook] Investments by Zvi Bodie, Alex Kane, Alan J. Marcus and Ravi Jain, Asia Global Edition, McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 978-007-126228-6.

The Bodie, Kane and Marcus (BKM) book provides a comprehensive treatment of modern investment theory. We will not be able to cover the entire book in a single semester class. Additional readings will be assigned at the end of each lecture to complement the book. Some of these readings will be fairly technical and students are not expected to understand every detail. Students are also encouraged to keep abreast of daily events in the financial markets which are covered in the media to be discussed in class.

Course Evaluation:

Homework (15%), Investment challenge (15%), Midterm Exam (25%), Final Exam (45%).

Details of the investment challenge will be discussed in class. Hardcopies are required for the submission of all homework assignments which are due at the beginning of the class. Late homeworks will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Students must take both exams to pass the class. Note that there will be no make-up exams without written documentation of an emergency such as hospitalization, military service, death in family. Exams will NOT be rescheduled to facilitate holiday travel. Letter grades you receive in the course are final. If you disagree with how the exams are graded, you may submit a request for re-grading in writing. If the request is granted, the entire exam will be re-graded. Note that attendance is required for the course.

Academic Integrity:

The rules of academic integrity will be strictly enforced and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Please refer to the relevant Thammasat University's academic integrity guidelines.

Tentative Schedule

Session/ Date	Topics	Readings
#1: Jan 10	Introduction	BKM Ch 1-2
#2: Jan 17	Risk, Return and the Historical Record	BKM Ch 5
#3: Feb 7	Capital Allocation to Risky Assets	BKM Ch 6
#4: Feb 14	Optimal Risky Portfolios	BKM Ch 7
#5: Feb 21	Index Models	BKM Ch 8
#6: Feb 28	The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)	BKM Ch 9
#7: March 7	Review	
Exam: March 14	Midterm Exam: 12.00 – 14:00 hrs.	
#8: March 21	Empirical Evidence on CAPM; Arbitrage Pricing Theory and Multifactor Models	BKM Ch 10, 13
#9: March 28	The Term Structure of Interest Rates	BKM Ch 15
#10: April 4	Options Markets: Introduction	BKM Ch 20
#11: April 18	Options Markets, Options Valuation	BKM Ch 20, 21
#12: April 25	Options Valuation	BKM Ch 21
#13: May 2	Futures Market	BKM Ch 22
#14: May 9	Futures, Swaps and Risk Management	BKM Ch 23
#15: May 16	Review	
Exam: June 2	Final Examination: 13:30-16:30 hrs.	

Remarks:

- ◆ Semester 2/2017 begins January 8, 2018
- ◆ **Mid-Term Examination Period** **March 12 - 17, 2018**
(Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 12.00-14.00 hrs.)
- ◆ Course withdrawal with “W” March 28 – April 2, 2018
- ◆ Chakri Memorial Day April 6, 2018
- ◆ Songkran Festival Day April 11-17, 2018
- ◆ Royal Ploughing Ceremony Day May 14, 2018
- ◆ Last day of class May 20, 2018
- ◆ **Final Examination Period** **May 21 – June 2, 2018**
(Saturday, June 2, 2018, 13.30-16.30 hrs.)