MN5310 – Banking and Finance

Module Type/Semester: Core (20 credits), Semester 1

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Aim:
This module is designed to provide students with an in-depth knowledge and a rigorous background in the mainstream areas of modern banking and finance. To accomplish the objective, students will be introduced to the role of banks in the economy as delegated monitors and liquidity providers. They will be also acquainted to the issues associated with lending and borrowing such as credit rationing and debt overhang.

Learning Outcomes:
Students will understand concepts and macroeconomics of commercial banks. They will also be able to assess the microeconomics of banking products as well as their underlying risks.

Teaching Format:
Ten weeks of teaching: 1 lecture per week (online) followed by 1 seminar per week (online/in-class), supplemented by tutorials (online/in-class)

Topic Outline (Indicative):

- Topic 1. The Role of Financial Markets and Intermediaries in the Economy
- Topic 2. Financial Intermediation as Delegated Monitoring
- Topic 3. Credit constraint
- Topic 4. Lending Relationships
- Topic 5. Bank Business Models
- Topic 6. Ethics in Finance
- Topic 7. Bank Regulation
- Topic 8. Systemic Risk
- Topic 9. Financial Crisis
- Topic 10. Islamic Banking
ASSESSMENT:

- Group coursework: 20%
- Online class test: 30%
- Final exam in the form of an essay: 50%

READING LIST:

Textbooks:


Selected articles:


...more articles will be provided in class.

*Course descriptions apply to the period of dual-mode delivery in the academic year 2020/21. Organisation of courses may be subject to change without notice.*