MN5444 – ADVANCED CORPORATE FINANCE

MODULE TYPE/SEMESTER: Core (20 credits), Semester 2

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AIM: Advanced Corporate Finance is a continuation of MN5442 Corporate Financial Management. The module is designed to equip students with knowledge about the advanced topics in the area of corporate finance and their applications in the real world. It aims to introduce the latest empirical and theoretical research on the topics studied.

INDICATIVE TOPIC OUTLINE:
Week 1: Financial Statement Analysis
Week 2: Equity Valuation I
Week 3: Equity Valuation II
Week 4: Real Options
Week 5: Firm Financing I
Week 6: Firm Financing II
Week 7: Corporate Governance I

Spring Vacation

Week 8: Corporate Governance II
Week 9: Payout polices
Week 10: Mergers and Acquisitions
Week 11: Revision
Week 12/13: No Classes
Weeks 14/15/16: Semester 2 Examination Diet

METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:
Lectures
- Pre-recordings
- Live seminars for questions

Tutorials
- In-person as much as possible

Office hours

Date modified: 5 August 2020
• 12 - 1pm Wednesday

Assessment
• Part 1: online class test (25%)
• Part 2: group coursework (25%) - A group project of 3,500 words report analysing the corporate financial practices of the major companies within the industry of student’s choice.
• Part 3: online exam (50%)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the module, students should be able to:
• Appreciate the importance of maintaining ethical conduct
• Analyse financial statements to perform financial ratio analysis
• Understand the limitations of ratio analysis
• Value a firm using dividend discount, P/E, and free cash flow models
• Understand real option valuation
• Understand long-term financing and the process of capital raising
• Understand the benefits and costs of borrowing from the bank
• Understand issues surrounding dividend and alternative payouts
• Understand agency problems and corporate governance mechanisms
• Understand issues surrounding corporate mergers and acquisitions

READING LIST:


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.