

UT Dallas Course Syllabus

Course Information

FIN 6v99: Independent Study
Section 002: Fall 2016

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Description

The course is an independent study on topic determined by the faculty and the student. The class involves readings and individualized study.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

- Select a topic for an independent study.
 - Use the research to gain a greater understanding of a specific topic within finance and business
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Required Textbooks and Materials

Readings to be determined by the faculty and the student. The readings will comprise a thorough analysis of the topic.

Schedule of Assignments

Week 1 - 5: **First Review of Paper**

Week 5 – 10: **Second Review of Paper**

Week 11 – 15: **Third Review of Paper and submission of final document**

Grading Policy and Evaluation

Grading Formula

Individual Paper

100%

Assignment serves two purposes: (1) as a learning/teaching tool to help establish a fundamental understanding of the concepts, and (2) to measure the students' grasp of the subject.

The focus is on application of theory in finance to real-life financial issues. The goal is to take a detailed look at a financial issue either in the economy or in the firm. The exact topic of the paper will be determined by student/faculty discussion and interaction. The topic and development of the paper will be reviewed throughout the class with the final paper due at the end of the term.

Evaluation of the submitted report will be based on thoroughness (depth and breadth) of research/investigation of the assignment topic and the organization and quality of the report.

- 90-100 ---Excellent: Minor errors; understanding of all key issues; no important omissions; concise, very well written and organized,
- 80-89---Good: Medium errors; understanding of most issues; well-written and well-organized..
- 70-79---Adequate: Major errors; understanding some issues, but not all important aspects covered; poorly written or organized

Course & Instructor Policies

Submission: Drafts and the final report should be posted on E-Learning within the course area by the due date.

Late work: If you need to miss an assignment deadline, you must pre-notify the instructor and program director before the deadline. You should provide the reason for missing the deadline and an alternative date for submitting the assignment. The instructor and program director must approve the extension and the new deadline. If you do not pre-notify the instructor, the instructor may determine the appropriate grade deduction for the assignment.

Academic Honesty: No cheating will be tolerated in this class. Cheating includes plagiarism from others or plagiarism from your own papers, sharing information, talking during a test, taking additional time than allowed, falsifying documents or any other way of getting information from a source that is not allowed or is not cited or any other form of cheating listed under the University Policy (<http://www.utdallas.edu/judicialaffairs/index.html>). This course will use the resource turnitin.com which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective. Any suspicion of cheating will be reported to Judicial Affairs and if you are found responsible, the recommendation will be to follow these guidelines:

- An infraction that a student is found responsible for but is minor AND was unintentional, the recommendation is one letter grade adjustment to the paper/exam.
- A moderate infraction will result in an F in the exam or project.
- Any student found responsible for a major infraction or a second infraction of any severity, will be disciplined with an F in this course.

Please note that if you are suspected of cheating and your case is in Judicial Affairs at the time of reporting grades, your grade will be "NR". If an employer requires this course or the completion of a degree, this could delay the finalization of the grade by an undetermined amount of time and threaten that employment. In the case of an NR, the student will be responsible for ensuring the grade change is submitted.

Comet Creed

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

Sharing Confidential Information	Class Attendance	Technical Support	Resources to Help You Succeed	Field Trip Policies, Off-Campus Instruction and Course Activities
Student Conduct and Discipline	Withdrawal from Class	Email Use	AccessAbility Services	Religious Holy Days
Academic Integrity	Incomplete Grade Policy	Copyright Notice		
	Student Grievance Procedures			

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.