

Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title Financial Markets
Course Code BENC2022
ECTS Credits 5,0
Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026		X		X	L

Level no level
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Language of instruction English

Goals
* Understand what finance theory says about how risky securities are priced in equilibrium.
* Understand what finance theory has to say about the mix between debt and equity finance for a firm.
* Understand the implications of the previously mentioned points for risky investment valuation.
* Understand dividends: Why do firms pay dividends? Do investors demand dividends? Should dividends matter for the firm or the investor?
* Learn about derivatives and their use as risk management tools by firms and investors

Description The course deals with basic issues in finance, such as risk diversification and asset pricing, capital structure, investment valuation, market efficiency, dividend policy and the use of derivatives.

Literature Berk & De Marzo, Corporate Finance, Pearson

Prerequisites BENC2004 Corporate Finance and Investment

Students are expected to understand the following finance concepts: Types of securities (stocks, bonds) and their returns; the concept of risk diversification and efficient frontiers, principles of time value of money. Exchange students need to have taken at least one introductory finance course.
An advanced level of English

Keywords

Transitional Regulations

Teaching methods

Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation / Written Exam

Evaluation in previous academic year For the complete evaluation of this course please click <http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM>

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

Bachelor Business Engineering	Year 2+3 Elective Courses
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses