

Course Descriptions Bachelor 2015-2016

Course Title Financial Markets
 Course Code EBC2006
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

| Period | Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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Level Intermediate
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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 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

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment

Assessment methods 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

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| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics | IBE Electives |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Emerging Markets | Year 2 Elective Courses |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics | Year 2 Compulsory Courses |
| Bachelor Fiscal Economics | Year 2-3 Compulsory Courses |
| SBE Exchange Bachelor | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Exchange Master | Bachelor Exchange Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses | Bachelor Courses |