

## Course Descriptions Bachelor 2023-2024

Course Title	Financial Markets							
Course Code	BENC2022							
ECTS Credits	5,0							
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	2	30-10-2023	15-12-2023		X		X	L
Level	no level							
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Language of instruction	English							
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Understand what finance theory says about how risky securities are priced in equilibrium.</li><li>* Understand what finance theory has to say about the mix between debt and equity finance for a firm.</li><li>* Understand the implications of the previously mentioned points for risky investment valuation.</li><li>* Understand dividends: Why do firms pay dividends? Do investors demand dividends? Should dividends matter for the firm or the investor?</li><li>* Learn about derivatives and their use as risk management tools by firms and investors</li></ul>							
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								
Teaching methods								
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Participation / Written Exam							
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click <a href="http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM">http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM</a>							
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			