Shanghai Jiao Tong University

FI410 Corporate Finance

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Term:	2 July - 2 August, 2018	Credits:	4 units
Classroom:	TBD	Teaching Assistant(s):	TBD
Class Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 5.30-7.30 pm		
Discussion Session:	2 hours each week, leaded by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours:	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (w/ ISBN):	Richard A. Brealey, Stewart C. Myers, Franklin Allen, <i>Principles of Corporate Finance</i> , McGraw Hill, 12 th Edition, McGraw-Hill International Edition, 2017 (BMA)		
Prerequisite:	N/A		

Course Description

The objective of this course is to provide the students with fundamental financial theories and basic techniques in understanding and making corporate financial decisions. The course is also a precedent of many advanced including Financial Markets and Institutions, Investments, and Multinational Financial Management.

The teaching content is composed of four parts. Part I introduces basic concepts in finance such as financial assets, opportunity cost, PVs, FVs and NPVs. Part II explains firm investment decisions based on the calculation of project PV and other criteria, Part III illustrates how the opportunity cost of capital (the required rate of return, or the discount rate) is determined in the security market, i.e., CAPM, and Part IV discusses financing decisions, mainly financing with debt or equity. Short-term financial decisions, financial statements analysis and other advanced topics in corporate finance will *NOT* be covered.

Grading Policy

Classroom attendance and participation	15%
Take-home assignments	15%
Mid-term examination	20%
Final examination (individual)	50%

Grading Scale

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	В	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	С	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



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Course Schedule

Date	Content	Reading & Assignment	
Part I Fundamental Concepts			
2-Jul	Introduction to Corporate Finance	BMA Chapter 1-1, 1-2, 14-4	
	What is Corporate Finance/Financial Management?		
	Financial Management Environment: Financial Assets and Financial Markets		
3-Jul	How to Calculate Present Values	BMA Chapter 2-1, 2-2	
	Financial Decisions: Investment vs. Financing		
	Goal of Financial Management	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 2-13, 14, 23	
	Future Values, Present Values and Net Present Values		
4-Jul	How to Calculate Present Values (1)	BMA Chapter 2-2, 2-3	
	Discount rate and Opportunity Cost of Capital	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 2-18, 24(a)(b),	
	PV Calculation Short Cuts		
5-Jul	How to Calculate Present Values (2)	BMA Chapter 2-4	
	Compound Interest	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter2-22, 25(a)(b)(c)	
	Part II Investment Decisions		
9-Jul	Valuing Bonds	BMA Chapter 3-1, 3-2, 4-1	
	Using PV Formulas to Value Bonds		
	How Bond Prices Vary With Interest Rates	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 3-16, 17, 4-6	
	DDM Model: Stock Prices and Dividends		
10-Jul	Valuing Common Stocks	BMA Chapter 4-2, 4-3, 4-4	
	Capitalization Rates and the Cost of Equity Capital		
	PVGO: Link between Stock Price and EPS	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 4-18, 20, 24	
	Valuing Commons Stocks by Comparables		
11-Jul	NPV and Other Investment Criteria	BMA Chapter 5	
	Payback, IRR, PI and Comparing the Criteria	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 5-8, 11, 14	
	Illustrative Case: Investment Criteria Do Not Solve All Your Problems	.,,,	



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12-Jul	Making Investment Decisions with the NPV Rule (1)	BMA Chapter 6-1, 6-2
	Four Rules in Estimating CFs	
	More Words on Opportunity Costs and Sunk Costs	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 6-8, 14, 21
	Cash Flow Analysis: Investment CF, Salvage CF, OCF and ΔNWC	
16-Jul	Making Investment Decisions with the NPV Rule (2)	BMA Chapter 6-3
	Equivalent Annual Cost (EAC)	
	Choice between Long- and Short-Lived Equipment	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 6-28(a)(b), 30
	Optimal Replacement of an Old Machine	
17-Jul	Project Analysis and Mid-term Review	BMA Chapter 10-1,10-2
	Project Uncertainty: the "Expected" is Not Necessarily the Result	
	Sensitivity Analysis and Scenario Analysis	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 10- 10, 12(a)-(d)
	Break-even Analysis and Operating Leverage	
18-Jul	Mid-term Examination	
	Part III Risk and Return	
19-Jul	Introduction to Risk and Return	BMA Chapter 7-1,7-2, 7-3
	Data and Trend in the US Capital Market History	
	Defining Risk and Return in the Stock Market	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 7-14, 19, 20
	Diversification: Risk and Return for Portfolios	
23-Jul	Markowitz Mean-Variance Model	BMA Chapter 7-4, 8-1, 8-2
	How Individual Stocks Affect the Portfolio	
	Introducing Lending and Borrowing in Portfolio Theory	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 8-12, 15, 16
24-Jul	Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)	BMA Chapter 8-3, 9-1, 9-2
	Security Market Line and CAPM	
	Estimating beta and the Cost of Equity	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 8-16;9-11, 14
	Understanding and Calculating WACC	
Part IV Making Financing Decisions		



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25-Jul	How Firms Issue Securities	BMA Chapter 14 (1)-(4);
	External Financing vs. Internal Funds	
	Common Stocks Types	
	Debt Types	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 15-13, 14
	Financing with Equity Capital: VC, IPO and Seasoned Offerings	
26-Jul	Does Debt Policy Matter	BMA Chapter 17-1. 17-2, 17-3
	Reviewing WACC and Financial Leverage	
	MM Theory 1 and MM Theory II	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 17-11, 12
	How Debt Affects Equity Beta	
30-Jul	Capital Structure Theories and Decisions	BMA Chapter 17-4,18- 1, 18-2
	How Debt Affects After-tax WACC	
	Benefit from Borrowing: Interest Tax-shield	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 17-13,19
	Costs in Borrowing: Cost of Financial Distress	
31-Jul	Capital Structure Theories and Decisions	BMA Chapter 18-3, 18-
	The Trade-off Theory of Capital Structure	ASSIGNMENTS: Chapter 18-12, 15, 18
	The Pecking Order of Financing Choices	
1-Aug	Course Wrap-up and Problem Solving	
2-Aug	Final Exam (one cheating sheet allowed)	