

COURSE INFORMATION

Course title:	Investments & Asset Pricing	Credits:	1.5
Course code:	BAFI 511	Class location:	Online
Session, term, period:	2020 W1	Class times:	MW: 12pm-2pm/4pm-6pm
Section(s):	DD1/DD2	Pre-requisites:	COMM 421 or BAFI 500
Division:	Finance	Co-requisites:	None
Program:	Master of Management		

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This finance course deals with a range of issues in investments and asset pricing, including:

- Financial instruments – stocks, bonds, derivative securities
- The nature of risk and return, risk premia in investments
- Asset pricing models, including the CAPM
- Fundamentals of risk management and hedging investments
- Securitization and roles of financial institutions including banks

COURSE FORMAT

We will use Zoom to have our classes during the scheduled class times. Classes consist primarily of lectures and discussions in which students are expected to participate. Students are also expected to work through applied problems both in and outside of class.

Link to register for Zoom classes is here (you must register at this link, before the first class):

[https://ubc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ckf-GoqjkjG9LPjoVkgBmCLuGuG2MWuxZX](https://ubc.zoom.us/j/9123456789)

Passcode for the Zoom lectures is: food truck

The security passcode is required to gain entry to the lectures.

Note: the Zoom “meeting room” has been booked all day, however you just attend the time slot associated with your section

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students should be able to analyze, apply and explain fundamental issues, concepts and methods in finance.

ASSESSMENTS

Quiz 1 (online problem set)	10%
Quiz 2 (online problem set)	10%
Quiz 3 (online problem set)	10%
Quiz 4 (online problem set)	10%
Participation	10%
Term Project	50%
Total	100%

LEARNING MATERIALS

Textbook:

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Third Canadian Edition, by Jonathan Berk, Peter DeMarzo, Jarrad Harford, David Stangeland and Andras Marosi. Pearson Canada 2020

Other Learning Resources:

1. MyFinanceLab (access is acquired when purchasing the Berk textbook above) – contains practice problems. MyFinanceLab Course ID: **donaldson77423**
2. Useful reference book, optional not required: *Fundamentals of Futures and Options Markets, 9 Edition*, by John Hull, Pearson 2017.

COURSE-SPECIFIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Missed or late assignments, and regrading of assessments

Late submissions, or missed exams/quizzes, will receive a grade of zero unless academic concession is granted (see below).

Academic Concessions

If extenuating circumstances arise, please contact the RHL Graduate School program office as early as reasonably possible, and submit an [Academic Concession Request & Declaration Form](https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee) <https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee>. If an academic concession is granted during the course, the student will be provided options by RHL, or by the instructor in consultation with RHL, per [UBC's policy on Academic Concession](#).

POLICIES APPLICABLE TO COURSES IN THE ROBERT H. LEE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Attendance

Excepting extenuating circumstances, students are expected to attend 100% of their scheduled class hours. Absent students limit their own academic potential, and that of their classmates, and cause unnecessary disruption to the learning environment. Students missing more than 20% of the total scheduled class hours for a course (including classes held during the add/drop period) without having received an academic concession will be withdrawn from that course. Withdrawals, depending on timing, could result in a “W” or an “F” standing on the transcript.

Punctuality

Students are expected to arrive for classes and activities on time and fully prepared to engage. Late arrivals may be refused entry at the discretion of the instructor or activity lead. Students arriving later than halfway through a scheduled class will be treated as absent for that class.

Electronic Devices

During online lectures, students are not permitted to use any electronic devices other than the primary one used for attending the online lecture (e.g. laptop or desktop). Only Zoom should be open during the online lecture unless an instructor advises the use of another for an in-class activity. Feedback from students indicates that personal devices is the number one distraction from effective learning and participation in the online learning environment.

Citation Style

Please use the American Psychological Association (APA) reference style to cite your sources.

Details of the above policies and other RHL Policies are available at:

<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,199,506,1625>

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES

UBC provides resources to support student learning and to maintain healthy lifestyles but recognizes that sometimes crises arise and so there are additional resources to access including those for survivors of sexual violence. UBC values respect for the person and ideas of all members of the academic community. Harassment and discrimination are not tolerated nor is suppression of academic freedom. UBC provides appropriate accommodation for students with disabilities and for religious observances. UBC values academic honesty and students are expected to acknowledge the ideas generated by others and to uphold the highest academic standards in all of their actions. Details of the policies and how to access support are available on the UBC Senate website at <https://senate.ubc.ca/policies-resources-support-student-success>.

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Freedom). Thus, we recognize that students will have legitimate reason to exercise caution in studying certain subjects. If you have concerns regarding your personal situation, consider postponing taking a course with manifest risks, until you are back on campus or reach out to your academic advisor to find substitute courses. For further information and support, please visit: <http://academic.ubc.ca/support-resources/freedom-expression>

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

UBC's Point Grey Campus is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

ONLINE TEACHING TOOL & REQUIREMENTS

This course will be taught using Zoom for synchronous classes and office hours.

For this course, you are required to use a Zoom account during synchronous classes and office hours. If you do not have a Zoom account, you can create one here: <https://zoom.us/signup>. Note: creating a Zoom account requires that you provide a first name, last name, and email address to Zoom. For privacy purposes, you may consent to using your existing email address and your real name. Alternatively, if you prefer, you may sign up using an alternative email address and an anonymized name that does not identify you (i.e. Jane Doe, jane.doe@email.com). If you have trouble creating an account, or accessing a Zoom session, please contact CLCHelp@sauder.ubc.ca. You will be required to provide the email address associated with your Zoom account in a Canvas quiz for identification purposes.

To help replicate the classroom experience, make sessions more dynamic and hold each person accountable, both students and instructors are required to have their cameras on during Zoom sessions. Students who require an accommodation with regard to the "camera on" requirement must contact their instructors in advance of the first class to discuss options. As professional graduate students, students are expected to conduct themselves professionally by joining sessions on time, muting mics when not speaking, refraining from using any other technology when in-session, attending in business casual dress (at a minimum), and participating from a quiet environment. Content from synchronous sessions will be selectively recorded per instructor discretion and made available to students on Canvas for a maximum duration of the course length. This is done to allow students the opportunity to return to lecture content to solidify learnings.

COURSE SCHEDULE
(Subject to change)

Class	Topics	Readings	Assessment
Class 1 Sep 14	introduction, financial markets refresher on bonds and stocks, valuation	Ch 1 Ch 6, 7	
Class 2 Sep 16	nature of risk and return in financial markets systematic risk vs idiosyncratic risk	Ch 10 (1 st half) Ch 10 (2 nd half)	Quiz 1: due 8am Sept 21
Class 3 Sep 21	return and volatility in investment portfolios correlation and diversification in investment portfolios	Ch 11 (1 st quarter) Ch 11 (2 nd quarter)	
Class 4 Sep 23	measuring systematic risk, beta the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)	Ch 11 (3 rd quarter) Ch 11 (4 th quarter)	Quiz 2: due 8am Sept 28
Class 5 Sep 28	asset pricing applications in corporate finance insurance and the CAPM	Ch 12 (1 st half) Ch 21 (1 st third)	
Class 6 Sep 30	hedging and forwards/futures swaps	Ch 21 (2 nd third) Ch 21 (3 rd third)	Quiz 3: due 8am Oct 5
Class 7 Oct 5	option payoffs and investment strategies option pricing	Ch 13 (1 st half) Ch 13 (2 nd half)	
Class 8 Oct 7	applications, pricing investment banking, securitization	software Hull Ch 8 /notes	Quiz 4: due 8am Oct 13
Class 9 Oct 12	<i>investment mishaps, risk and governance (no live class Oct 12 [Thanksgiving] watch taped lecture any time)</i>	<i>Berk Ch 25, Hull Ch 25 /notes</i>	
Class 10 Oct 14	multifactor asset pricing models investment research, tools, alternative investments	Ch 11 (appendix) Ch 2	
Final Project	project: analyze and compare at least two companies in an industry from the viewpoint of potential investor		due 11:59pm Oct 24