

Corporate Finance

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Course description

This course is devoted to the theoretical concepts of firm valuation and discount rates. We will discuss main steps to build a successful valuation model of a firm or a project, including discounted cash flow model. The course does not require advanced calculus.

Course requirements, grading, and attendance policies

Financial accounting, macroeconomics.

The course grade is based on home assignments (30%), cases (20%) and final exam (50%).

Course contents

Week	Date	Topic	Reading
1		Valuation and capital budgeting 1. Present Value 2. Capital Budgeting Rules	[1]
2		Valuation and capital budgeting 1. Uncertainty, Default and Risk 2. Risk and Return. The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM). WACC	[2]
3		Real World Applications 1. Capital Budgeting: Applications and Pitfalls 2. From Financial Statements to Economic Cash Flows	[3]
4		Capital Structure and Payout Policy 1. Valuations for Comparable and Financial Ratios 2. Corporate Claims	[4], [8]
5		Capital Structure and Payout Policy 1. Stock and Bond Valuation 2. Capital Structure in a Perfect Market	[5]
6		Capital Structure and Payout Policy 1. Taxes and Capital Structure. WACC again 2. M-M theorem	[6]
7		Real options 1. Using real options for a firm's projects	[7], [9]

Course materials

1. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 2-4
2. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 6 and 10 (also 7-9)
3. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 13 and 14
4. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 15 and 16
5. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 17 and 18

6. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapters 20 (partially 26)
7. Ivo Welch, Corporate Finance: 5th Edition, 2022, Chapter 27
8. Case “WACC and IRR”
9. Case “Payout policy”

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