



GRADUATE SCHOOL

GM1001 Corporate Finance, 7.5 higher education credits

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Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by School of Business, Economics and Law on 2010-06-30 and was last revised on 2017-07-07 by Faculty Board of the School of Business, Economics and Law to be valid from 2017-08-28, autumn semester of 2017.

Field of education: Social Sciences 100%

Department: Graduate School

Position in the educational system

The course Corporate Finance is a course within the Master of Science programmes at the Graduate School, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.

Main field of studies

Finance

Specialization

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course Corporate Finance the participant must fulfil the entrance qualifications for the Master of Science programme in Finance or Master of Science programme in Accounting and Financial Management. For programme specific entrance requirements, see programme syllabus.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the students will be able to

1. describe basic practical and theoretical connections in corporate management of finance and risk; and, describe, develop and collate relevant information to evaluate investments, financial instruments and financial structures,
2. use theoretical models to assess and solve clearly delimited investment and finance problems in companies,
3. practically apply models for developing data as a basis for evaluating investments and identifying suitable financial structures. They should also be able to present the result of these in writing and orally.

Course content

The course gives both theoretical and practical knowledge of modern corporate finance. The course is aimed at students who seek a deeper understanding of corporate finance functions and the financial market's impact on the decisions of company managements. Financial decision models and decision situations vary in complexity from relatively simple choices between investment projects and choices between difficult-to-describe projects (where, for example, option models are used to support decisions) to choices of forms for financing capital acquisitions. In the course, interest centres on: investment decisions; control of capital assets and financial structures, and some of the factors a firm faces when making a foreign investment. The aim is to develop the student's analytical abilities through in-depth knowledge of theories and decision models for corporate finance. Students will acquire the skills to work as controllers, treasurers and other key figures in company finance and management teams.

Form of teaching

Lectures, classes and seminars.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

Intended learning outcomes 1, 2 and 3 are examined via a written exam and two case studies. The grading of the case studies also takes into account attendance and active participation. In awarding credits, review of the various case studies is both oral and written. A failed case work can be completed to a pass grade. The grade for the course is the result of weighted compilation of the various components.

If a student, who has failed the same examined component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application shall be sent to the department responsible for the course and shall be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22 of Higher Education Ordinance).

In cases where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student shall normally be guaranteed at least three examination occasions (including the ordinary examination) during a period of at least one year from the last time the course was given.

The number of examinations is limited to five.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

A Pass grade requires a pass in all the learning outcomes. This means that a Pass (G) grade requires at least a pass (50%) on written exam and pass (50%) on each case work, completed during the course. Pass with Distinction (VG), requires 75% of the total credits in the course.

Course evaluation

The course will be evaluated upon completion.

The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.