



## GRADUATE SCHOOL

### **GM1407 Applied Corporate Finance, 7.5 credits**

Tillämpad corporate finance, 7,5 högskolepoäng

*Second Cycle*

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#### **Confirmation**

This course syllabus was confirmed by School of Business, Economics and Law on 2017-02-01 and was last revised on 2022-06-14 by Graduate School to be valid from 2022-08-29, autumn semester of 2022.

*Field of education:* Social Sciences 100%

*Department:* Graduate School

#### **Position in the educational system**

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

The course can be part of the following programmes: 1) Program in Environmental Social Science (S1SML) and 2) Programme in Logistics management (S1LOM)

*Main field of studies*

Accounting and Financial Management

*Specialization*

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

#### **Entry requirements**

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

#### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. understand and evaluate theoretical and empirical concepts, frameworks and models related to Corporate Finance
2. apply and communicate this understanding in relation to available data and cases, using appropriate tools
3. demonstrate the ability to make assessments in Corporate Finance, informed by social, environmental and ethical issues.

The course is sustainability-related, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria.

### **Course content**

The course offers opportunities to apply theories and methods covered in previous courses, but in more detail and with available data and cases. The course content centers around the tasks carried out, or supported, by the finance function of corporations. Such tasks include long-range planning and analysis, cash management, capital structure and fund acquisitions, mergers and acquisitions, advising on dividend policy, and designing incentive programmes. The course will also cover how the financing function can be related to concerns of corporate sustainability.

### **Form of teaching**

Lectures, guest lectures, case-based assignments, group work and presentations.

*Language of instruction:* English

### **Assessment**

Learning outcome 1 is assessed through an individual written exam.

Learning outcome 2 is assessed through group case assignments.

Learning outcome 3 is assessed through a group case assignment.

The presentations of the case assignments are compulsory. If the course coordinator agrees that the reason for absence or non-submission of compulsory elements is valid, then the missing elements can be replaced with alternative assignments.

Individual exams shall be written individually, cooperation in formulating text, tables, figures etc. is not allowed.

A failed group case assignment can be supplemented to a Pass grade.

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education

Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed.

The number of examinations is limited to five.

### **Grades**

The grading scale comprises: Excellent (A), Very good (B), Good (C), Satisfactory (D), Sufficient (E) and Fail (F).

Pass is required on all examination forms. The grade (A-E) corresponds to the total score a student obtains on the group assignments (40 % of final grade) and written exam (60 % of final grade). To receive a pass grade (A-E)  $\geq 50\%$  points is required. The scale is tied to fixed score intervals:

A: 85-100%

B: 75-84%

C: 68-74%

D: 60-67%

E: 50-59%

F:  $<50\%$

### **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.