



Course Synopsis Handbook

2009 Fall ECON 166-01

Bulletin Course Description

Financial markets and the role of investment banks as intermediaries. Divisions and functions within investment banks: sales and trading, corporate finance, research and wealth management. Aspects of asset pricing and corporate valuation. Impact of current events on financial markets. Intended primarily for sophomores and juniors interested in a career in financial markets. Consent of instructor required.

Instructor: Rasiel

(Instructor named in bulletin description above may not be current. For current instructor, see listing below.)

Title GLOBAL CAPITAL MARKETS

Department ECON

Course Number 2009 Fall 166

Section Number 01

Primary Instructor Rasiel, Emma B

Prerequisites

Synopsis of course content

This course is intended primarily for juniors (as of Fall 2009), although occasionally I will permit sophomores to enroll. Permission of the instructor is required for this course. E-mail your resume and a brief letter indicating your interest in the financial markets to Emma Rasiel at ebr4@duke.edu. Please note that the number of students enrolled on ACES may not reflect the number of students who have been issued permission numbers. So the class may already be full, even if that does not appear to be the case on ACES.

The goals of this course are (1) to expand students' awareness and understanding of the financial markets, products offered and the interplay of macroeconomics on asset market movements and valuation; (2) give students a better understanding of the positions available and the functions of those positions within the investment banking and financial services fields; and (3) give students the opportunity to meet and interact with professionals who are working in the field.

Textbooks

This course has an extensive reading list. Students are strongly encouraged to read as many of the books as possible prior to the start of the Fall semester. The reading list includes (but is not limited to): "Random Walk down Wall Street" (Malkiel), "Devil Take the Hindmost" (Chancellor), "Origins of the Crash" (Lowenstein); "When Genius Failed" (Lowenstein); "Beyond Greed and Fear" (Shefrin).

Assignments

Several essays and problem sets.

Exams

None

Grade to be based on

Essays, problem sets, class participation.

Additional Information

Students who wish to enroll in this class must commit to attending every class meeting, and to contribute actively to class discussions. Absence from class will be excused only under exceptional circumstances. Students will also be expected to read the WSJ on a daily basis, and to keep current with business/finance news and events.

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