

SUBJECT:	Finance	
HOURS:	Lecture: 15 hrs Class: 30 hrs	ECTS: 6

Name/title of the author:		
Course Description:	<p>This is an introductory course, offering a balanced approach to the general principles of finance and foundation for the future studies. It covers all the subfields of finance: financial markets and institutions, financial investments and corporate finance.</p> <p>The classes are focused on the practical aspects of financial economics and links between theory and practice (the use of case studies and assignments).</p>	
Learning Outcomes (Goals and Objectives of the course):	<p>Upon completion of the course students should be able to understand the key financial concepts and the role and importance of financial markets and institutions, apply basic valuation methods, describe financial instruments and understand the principles of risk management.</p>	
Entrance qualifications:	<p>Basic prior knowledge in mathematics and statistics is required for applying securities valuation and financial theories on real world data</p>	
Course Content:	<p>LECTURES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Introduction - Principles of Finance, Money, Monetary System, Financial System 2. Financial Markets & Financial Intermediaries 3. Financial Instruments 4. Valuation Concepts (time value of money; securities valuation) 5. Risk in Finance (risk and return; portfolio diversification) 6. Investment Project Analysis (capital budgeting; cost of capital) 7. Corporate Decision Making (capital structure, leverage, financial analysis) <p>CLASSES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General concepts in finance 2. Overview of financial systems around the world; Different types of financial intermediaries; Financial market in Poland 3. Time Value of Money - basic calculations 4. Household Financial Decisions 5. Financial instruments - types and functions; valuation of bonds and stocks 6. Risk in finance: risks facing households and firms, risk-management process, different forms of risk transfer, quantitative analysis (portfolio theory, Capital Asset Pricing Model), derivatives 7. Financial analysis of a non-financial company 8. Investment Project Analysis 	
Assessment policy (examination):	<p>Classes 40%</p> <p>Written examination 60%</p>	
Course materials/bibliography:	<p>Main textbook: Z.Bodie, R.Merton, D.Cleeton: Financial Economics: International Edition, 2/E, Pearson Higher Education, 2009.</p> <p>Additional: R.W.Melicher, E.A.Norton, Introduction to Finance: Markets, Investments, and Financial Management, John Wiley & Sons, 2011. S. Besley, E.F. Brigham, Principles of Finance, 4th ed., South-Western Cengage Learning, 2009 S.Valdez, P.Molyneux, Global Financial Markets, 7th ed., Palgrave Macmillan 2012.</p>	
Methods of Instruction:	<p>Lectures, classroom discussion, team work, numerical computations</p>	