



Course syllabus

School of Business and Economics

Department of Management Accounting and Logistics

2FE34E Bachelor Course in Finance II, including degree project, 30 högskolepoäng

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Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject Group

Business Administration

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G2E

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2019

Prerequisites

The student shall have completed 60 credits within Business Administration, including basic courses in Financial Accounting, Finance and Management Accounting, and at least 15 credits Bachelor course in Finance I, or the equivalent. English B/English 6 or the equivalent.

Objectives

Module 1: Corporate Finance II, 7.5 credits

After completing this module the student should be able to:

- account for how firms can finance their operations and reason about when various types of financing is suitable
- account for the impact of the capital markets on firms, especially their conditions for survival and growth
- describe how financial assets are traded on the market
- perform analyses aiming to assess investments, firms and risks in firms
- give a basic account of theirs pertaining to valuation of financial instruments, including option theory
- explain financial and non-financial aspects of mergers and acquisitions
- within given time limits, perform and in writing and orally report a consistent assessment of the value of a firm

Module 2: International Finance, 7.5 credits

After completing this module the student should be able to:

- apply economic theory to long run trends and short run fluctuations in the open economy
- use macroeconomic concepts, theories and methods in order to analyze economic policies
- analyze the current monetary and financial related policy debate

Module 3: Business Administration, degree project (bachelor), 15 credits

After completing the module the student is expected to be able to:

- conduct a literature study, relevant for the degree project
- independently formulate a research problem
- use scientific research methods
- collect and analyze data
- critically discuss research reports
- independently write and present a degree project
- present, orally and in writing, and discuss their conclusions in dialogue with various groups

Content

Module 1: Corporate Finance II, 7.5 credits

This module consists of:

- investment analysis and valuation theory, funding sources, capital structure and dividend policy
- the concept of risk and risk analysis
- advanced corporate analysis and consolidated statements
- company valuation, different strategies and considerations for takeovers and fusions
- development trends, financial markets and companies' financial conditions
- considerations and leadership when it comes to financial decisions in the company and for owners and other interested parties

Module 2: International Finance, 7.5 credits

The module contains:

- growth theory – The Solow model and beyond
- exchange rate theories and the open economy
- currency crises, debt crises and the international monetary system
- topics on consumption, investment, credits and monetary policy

Module 3: Business Administration, degree project (bachelor), 15 credits

The work with the degree project includes definition and formulation of a research question, writing a report about the research work and critically discusses and analyse other students' work material.

Type of Instruction

Module 1: Corporate Finance II, 7.5 credits

The teaching consists of lectures and practical assignments.

Module 2: International Finance, 7.5 credits

The teaching consists of lectures and exercises.

Module 3: Business Administration, degree project (bachelor), 15 credits

The teaching consists of seminars and tutoring.

Concerning all modules: Obligatory parts are stated in the schedule.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx or F.

Module 1: Corporate Finance II, 7.5 credits

The examination consists of a written exam, solutions of cases and oppositions of cases.

Module 2: International Finance, 7.5 credits

The examination consists of written examination and presentation of assignments.

Module 3: Business Administration, degree project (bachelor), 15 credits

The degree project consists of a written report that will be defended during a seminar. Students are also required to pursue an oral and written opposition on another degree project as part of the examination.

Concerning all modules:

The grade A constitutes the highest grade on the scale and the remaining grades follow in descending order where the grade E is the lowest grade on the scale that will result in a pass. The grade F means that the student's performance is assessed as fail.

After each regular examination there will be at least one new examination in close proximity to the date the results of the regular exam were posted. A minimum of five occasions for written exams will be offered in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually three occasions per academic year are offered. Students that fail reports can complement after instructions from the examiner to obtain a pass grade.

Grading criteria for the A–F scale are communicated in writing to the student by the start of the module at the latest.

A degree project that is not assessed to possibly fulfill the requirements at the final tutoring is recommended not to be treated at the originally scheduled final seminar.

Course Evaluation

During the implementation of the course or in close connection to the course a course evaluation is to be carried out. Result and analysis of the course evaluation is to be presented as feedback both to the students who have completed the course and to the students who are to participate on the course the next time it is offered. The course evaluation is to be carried out anonymously.

Credit Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course: Module 1: Corporate Finance II overlaps 2FE052 and 2FE045:4 with 7,5 credits each.

Module 2: International Finance overlaps 2FE008 and 2FE045:6 with 7,5 credits each.

Other

Degree-seeking students, aiming towards achieving an undergraduate degree, are expected to complete this course and the previous course 'Bachelor Course in Finance I' at Linnaeus University. These two courses combined with a minimum of 120 credits of previous studies, out of which at least 60 credits in Business Administration and 30 credits outside of Business Administration, might make the student eligible for an undergraduate degree. All students have to apply for a degree upon completion of their studies, and their degree application is evaluated in relation to the local degree regulations at Linnaeus University.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Module 1: Corporate Finance II, 7.5 credits

Required reading

Berk & DeMarzo. *Corporate Finance*. Pearson Education. Latest edition. About 1160 pages.

Damodaren, A. Investment valuation. *Tools and Techniques for Determining the Value of Any Asset*. Wiley. Latest edition. About 970 pages.

Scientific articles. About 80 pages.

Module 2: International Finance, 7.5 credits

Required reading

Mankiw, N. G. *Macroeconomics*. Worth Publishers. Latest edition. About 550 pages.

Scientific articles. About 300 pages.

Module 3: Business Administration, degree project (bachelor), 15 credits

The literature will be selected together with the supervisor.