

Course		
<b>Investment Analysis</b>		
Lecturer	Duration	ECTS /Credits
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Course Character	Semester	Course Language
Elective Course	Spring Semester	English
Prerequisites		
Basics of Business Finance		
Description of the Course		
<p>The Investment Analysis course is a thorough study of the investment decision-making process including security analysis and portfolio management. The course starts with a study of risk aversion and capital allocation to risky assets. Then, portfolio theory and practice, equilibrium in capital markets, and security analysis is provided including equity valuation models and financial statement analysis. Finally, it is discussed how portfolio performance is evaluated using different performance evaluation measures.</p>		
Course Components		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Homework:</b> Homework problems will be assigned in class and most of the solutions will be discussed in class.</li> <li>• <b>Attendance and participation:</b> Attendance and participation in class is strongly encouraged as general discussion, asking and answering questions will help understanding the course material.</li> <li>• <b>Exam:</b> The exam will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester. The date will be determined by the examination board. The time allowed is 90 minutes. The exam will be based on homework exercises, lecture, and the material and exercises discussed in class. It may include problems, multiple choice, true/false, short essay answers, short case studies etc. To receive a passing grade for the course students must obtain at least 50% of the total points possible.</li> </ul>		
Preparation for and Participation in Class		
<p>You are expected to have completed all assigned readings and to have, at minimum, attempted the homework assignments prior to each class. Classroom lectures/discussions will be utilized to develop and enhance your understanding of the material. You have to be prepared at all times to actively participate in classroom discussions, and you should attend class and participate on a regular basis. Please bring a calculator to each class.</p>		
Course Outline		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Risk Aversion and Capital Allocation to Risky Assets</li> <li>2. Optimal Risky Portfolios</li> <li>3. Index Models</li> <li>4. The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)</li> <li>5. Equity Valuation Models</li> <li>6. Financial Statement Analysis</li> <li>7. The Conventional Theory of Performance Evaluation</li> </ol>		

## References

The seminar is based in particular upon the following textbook:

Bodie, Z.; Kane, A.; Investments, 9th ed., McGraw-Hill/Irwin, New York 2011.  
Marcus, A.J.

The seminar is also based upon the following reference:

Volkswagen AG: Annual reports

### **Important Note:**

The above outline is tentative to give you an idea of the sequence of topics. It can be modified and is only designed to give you a rough idea of the topics and the rate at which they will be covered. Some of the above topics will be covered in greater detail than others. The relative importance of each topic will be indicated in class.