

SUBJECT:	Financial Markets	
HOURS:	30 W + 15	ECTS: 5

Name/title of the author:	
Course Description:	Focuses on the major financial markets, including the equity, money, bond, exchange rate and derivatives markets. Students learn about the basics of financial instruments in these markets, such as bank bills, treasury bonds, futures and options and are exposed to the tools of analyses and the roles and innovations of major financial institutions. These include the banks and non-banks, such as finance companies, building societies and credit unions, life and insurance companies as well as investment management companies.
Learning Outcomes (Goals and Objectives of the course):	Students will come to appreciate the richness and complexity of the financial industry. Students will learn to assess the importance, risk and viability of various types of financial institutions and markets.
Entrance qualifications:	The course is self-contained but prior knowledge of standard concepts in finance and capital markets is required.
Course Content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of Financial Markets and Institutions 2. Determination of Interest Rates and Structure of Interest Rates 3. Functions of the Fed and Central Banks 4. Money Markets 5. Bond Markets 6. Mortgage Markets 7. Stock Markets 8. Financial Futures Markets and Options Markets 9. Bank System 10. Mutual Fund Operations 11. Insurance Operations 12. Pension Fund Operations <p>During classes the following topics are going to be discussed in details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bond Valuation and Risk 2. Stock Valuation and Risk 3. Financial Futures Markets
Assessment policy (examination):	<p>Grading will be based on an in-class activities and the final-term exam:</p> <p>Lectures (70%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final exam: 50% • Presentation: 15% • Attendance: 5% <p>Classes (30%):</p>
Course materials/bibliography:	Textbook: Jeff Madura, Financial Markets and Institutions, South-Western Cengage Learning, 2010, 9th edition
	The course is structured as a combination of lectures, discussions and in-class activities.

Methods of Instruction:

Notes / suggestions:

Pass requirements for signature/examination: More than 50% of points from the final exam and a group project