

SUBJECT: Financial Markets Instruments and Institutions

HOURS: 30

ECTS: 4

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 Institutions2. Determination of Interest Rates and Structure of Interest Rates3. Functions of the Fed and Central Banks4. Money Markets5. Bond Markets6. Mortgage Markets7. Stock Markets8. Financial Futures Markets and Options Markets9. Bank System10. Mutual Fund Operations11. Insurance Operations12. Pension Fund Operations
Assessment policy (examination):	Grading will be based on an in-class activities and the final-term exam, in the following way: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final exam: 70%• Presentation: 20%• Attendance: 10%;
Course materials/bibliography:	Textbook: Jeff Madura, Financial Markets and Institutions, South-Western Cengage Learning, 2010, 9th edition
Methods of Instruction:	The course is structured as a combination of lectures, discussions and in-class activities.
Notes / suggestions:	Pass requirements for signature/examination: More than 50% of points from the final exam and a group project