

#### COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: ECON455 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Competition Policy and the Economics of Regulation

**PREREOUISITE** 

This course uses organisation models as tools and do economic analysis on the application of competition policy and regulations. The goals of this course are to understand different government policies and theories to regulate the market, why & when government regulate a market, understand policy options, their strengths and weaknesses. We analyse market in a number of settings, such as oligopoly, collusion, mergers, monopolization and price discrimination. We also cover theories of economic regulations. Students who have done intermediate macro economics should enrol this course.

### LEARNING OUTCOME

After completing this course, a student should be able to:

- Understand policies and challenges of modern competition and government regulations
- Understand why and when government wants to regulate market
- Understand how government policies and regulations effect consumers, producers and the government
- Critically evaluate policies and proposed purpose of the regulations.

### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

### **LEARNING RESOURCES**

### **Required Textbook**

[VS] Viscusi, K. W., Jr., J. H. E., & Sappington, D. E. M. (2018). *Economics of Regulation and Antitrust*. 5th edition. The MIT Press. The MIT Press.

[PRN] Pepall, L., Richards, D., & Norman, G. (2014). *Industrial Organization: Contemporary Theory and Empirical Applications*. 5th edition. Wiley.

### Reference Books & Online Resources

- Whinston, M. D. (2008). *Lectures on Antitrust Economics (Cairoli Lectures)*. 50049th edition. The MIT Press.
- Motta, M. (2015). Competition Policy: Theory and Practice. Cambridge University Press.

### **Suggested Textbook**

N/A

# Other Teaching Methods

N/A



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| Course Title:       | <b>Competition Po</b>                  | licy and the Economics of Regulation   |                         |
| WEEKLY SCH          | IEDULE                                 |  |                         |
| Week                | Day                                    | Topic  | Reading                 |
|                     | 1                                      | Course Overview & Introduction to Basic Concepts I: The Rationale for Regulation and Antitrust Policies, Antitrust Regulation, Economic Regulation Health, Safety, and Environmental Regulation, Criteria for Assessment |                         |
| 1                   | 2                                      | Course Overview & Introduction to Basic Concepts II: Introduction to Economic Regulation, Alternatives to Regulation in the Market   | [VS] Chapter 10<br>& 11 |
|                     | 3                                      | Monopoly Power in Theory and Practice  | [PRN] Chapter 5 & 6 & 7 |
|                     | 4                                      | Oligopoly, Collusion, and Antitrust  | [VS] Chapter 3<br>& 4   |
|                     | 5                                      | Market Structure and Dynamic Competition   | [VS] Chapter 5          |
|                     | 1                                      | Horizontal Mergers   | [VS] Chapter 6          |
|                     | 2                                      | Vertical Mergers   | [VS] Chapter 7          |
| 2                   | 3                                      | Monopolization and Price Discrimination  | [VS] Chapter 8          |
| 2                   | 4                                      | Optimal Pricing  | [VS] Chapter 12         |
|                     | 5                                      | Mid-Term Exam  |                         |
|                     | 1                                      | Incentive Regulation   | [VS] Chapter 13         |
| 2                   | 2                                      | Natural Monopoly Regulation  | [VS] Chapter 14         |
| 3                   | 3                                      | Regulation of Potentially Competitive Markets:<br>Theory and Estimation Methods  | [VS] Chapter 15         |
|                     | 4                                      | Revision   |                         |
|                     | 5                                      | Final Exam   | ·                       |
| ASSESSMENT          |  |  |                         |
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| 1                   |  | 10%  |                         |
|                     |  | 40%  |                         |
|                     |  | 50%  |                         |
| Total 10            |  |  | .00%                    |



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### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

# **Class Attendance and Participation**

Class lectures will be a mix of traditional lectures and time spent working together on applications and exercises. To free up more time for working through problems together, students should read the relevant chapter before coming to the class. Discussion sessions will be used to give students an opportunity to clarify their understanding of the topics from the lecture and textbook.

If students miss more than 5 classes and did not receive permissions from the instructor, they will automatically get a letter grade of F for this class, which is a failing grade. If a student has to miss class due to some personal emergencies or family issues, he/she should inform the TA or the instructor to get permission immediately. And students are held responsible for the class materials and homework for the class they will miss.

Class participation is highly encouraged by the instructor, and the instructor will provide opportunities for the students to participate during the class period. Students should read all assigned reading materials in order to be well prepared for discussion.

### Mid-term and Final Examinations

There will be 2 exams for this class, one midterm and one final exam, which makes up 90% of the total grade. The instructor will hold a review session before each exam.

Analytical problem and short answer

Open book exam

Details of the examination will be available during the semester.



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| Grade | Percentage % |
|-------|--------------|
| A     | 80-100       |
| В     | 70-79        |
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### For Undergraduate Students

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### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & ACCOMMODATION**

#### Classroom Protocol

Students are expected to attend class regularly, arrive promptly, have completed the required readings for the session before coming to class, and participate thoughtfully in all in-class activities.

Cell phones must be turned off and stowed at all times. Lecture notes and/or PowerPoint slides are available on Canvas. Class materials should be downloaded from the course website and brought to class either as a hard copy or on your laptop. Laptops and tablets are permitted in the class for class-related purposes ONLY, and their use will be closely supervised by the instructor. If any student is found to be using a laptop or tablet for non-class purposes, the student will be prohibited from using the device(s) in class for the remainder of the semester.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & ACCOMMODATION**

Please make a sincere attempt to arrive on time. If you arrive late, please enter the classroom quietly. It is difficult to educate fellow classmates with constant interruptions at the door. If you miss a class, given the size of this class, it is your responsibility to catch up.



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### **UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

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# **Academic Integrity**

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at the university. You are expected to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the program administrator.

Using the ideas, data, or language of another without specific or proper acknowledgement is dishonest. We will not accept work that includes copied and pasted information; all information or ideas included in your assignments must be in your own words. If you use ideas of others, whether they are "experts" writing for websites, friends from class, or other individuals, you must provide proper citations and references in the assignment.

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### Accommodation to Students' Religious Holidays

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: FIN320 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** Risk Management and Derivatives

### **PREREOUISITE**

Financial Management, Calculus, and Statistics. Students who have not met those prerequisites must obtain a permission from the course instructor in order to take this course.

# **COURSE OVERVIEW**

"This course is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge of the important concepts of financial risk and its management through the use of financial derivatives, in particular. Students will learn how to carry out detailed analysis of the measurement of financial risk and get familiar with the tools and techniques to manage financial risk. While the emphasis is on financial risk, students will be exposed to broader areas where risk and risk management are relevant. For example, how to reduce operational risk is normally considered outside the traditional field of financial risk management, but it is a common risk in business with potentially big consequences. Duration matching is a risk-hedging technique widely used in the banking industry that can be applied to managing a business's cash flows and its debt policy. All the concepts and techniques introduced in this course are closely related one way or the other. Successful completion of the course will help to identify the best strategy of decision-making process.

Topics include risk and return, mapping out the landscape of risk, financial disasters and insurance, operational risk, understanding bankruptcy, global and foreign currency exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, business and corporate risk, hedging techniques, financial derivatives – futures, call and put options, swaps, and exotic options and swaptions, and how to use them to reduce financial risk. Specifically, students will learn how some of those pricing frameworks are developed and how they are implemented in various situations. A strong quantitative background will be very helpful for the success in this course."

### LEARNING OUTCOME

"This course is designed to provide students with valuable knowledge, experience and understanding of the risk management and derivatives.

Successful completion of the course will allow students to:

- 1. Adopt a holistic view of risk and return;
- 2. Understand the tools for measuring risks and their limitations;
- 3. Apply various hedging techniques to manage business and financial risks; 4. price risky assets in a more systematic and economically sound way;
- 5. Understand the implication of arbitrage-free principle and its critical role in asset pricing;
- 6. Understand insurance and its role in managing risk, and some fundamental issues in insurance risk management;
- 7. Understand financial derivatives, how to use them, and their limitations; and
- 8. Be able to analyze contemporary economic issues such as financial and economic crises, and the role of financial derivatives and innovations in the that context."



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**CLASS HOURS** 

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### LEARNING RESOURCES

### Required Textbook

John C. Hull (2017). Fundamentals of Futures and Options Markets", 9th edition. Pearson.

### Reference Books & Online Resources

- 1. Koski, J. L., & Pontiff, J. (1999). *How Are Derivatives Used? Evidence from the Mutual Fund Industry*. Journal of Finance, 54(2), 791-816.
- 2. Stulz, R. M. (2004). *Should We Fear Derivatives?*. No. w10574. National Bureau of Economic Research.
- 3. Taleb, Nassim. (2010). *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable*. 2nd edition. Random House LLC.
- 4. Taleb, Nassim. (2008). Fooled by Randomness: The Hidden Role of Chance in Life and in the Markets. Random House LLC.
- 5. Ball, Philip. (2006). Critical Mass. 1st American edition. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- 6. Kahneman, Daniel. (2011). Thinking, Fast and Slow. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- 7. Mandelbrot, Benoit, & Hudson, Richard L. (2007). The (Mis)Behavior of Markets. Basic Books.

# Suggested Textbook

N/A

# Other Teaching Methods

N/A

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| Week | Day | Topic  | Reading         |
|------|-----|--|-----------------|
|      | 1   | Introduction; Overview of business risk and financial risk               | Assign in Class |
|      | 2   | Futures markets and central counterparties                               | Assign in Class |
| 1    | 3   | Hedging strategies using futures   | Assign in Class |
|      | 4   | Determination of forward and futures prices                              | Assign in Class |
|      | 5   | Mechanics of options markets   | Assign in Class |
| 2    | 1   | Trading strategies involving options                                     | Assign in Class |
|      | 2   | Valuing stock options: Binomial trees and the Black-Scholes-Merton model | Assign in Class |



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| Week                     | Day                                   | Topic  |       | Reading         |
| 2                        | 3                                     | Option hedging: The Greek letters                  |       | Assign in Class |
| 2                        | 4                                     | Discussion and Review                              |       | Assign in Class |
|                          | 5                                     | Midterm Exam (in class)                            |       | Assign in Class |
|                          | 1                                     | Interest Rate risk, Duration-Matching and Interest |       | Assign in Class |
|                          | 1                                     | Rate Futures                                       |       |                 |
| 3                        | 2                                     | Interest Rate Swap; Comparative Advantage          |       | Assign in Class |
| 3                        | 3                                     | Currency Swap                                      |       | Assign in Class |
|                          | 4                                     | Credit Derivatives, Exotic Derivatives             |       | Assign in Class |
|                          | 5                                     | Final Exam   |       |                 |
| ASSESSMENT               | •                                     |  |       |                 |
| Assessment Tas           | sk                                    |  | Perce | ent (%)         |
| Attendance/Participation |                                       |  | 10%   |                 |
| Mid-Term Exam            |                                       |  | 35%   |                 |
| Quizzes                  |                                       |  | 10%   |                 |
| Assignments              |                                       |  | 15%   |                 |
| Final Exam               |                                       | 30%  |       |                 |
| Total                    |                                       | 10   | 00%   |                 |

## **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

### Homework, Class Attendance, and Participation

Students are required to attend all classes and participate actively. Students should treat their classroom obligations as they would treat any serious professional engagement. Your participation grade (10% of the total course grade) will be based on the instructor's assessment of how well you contribute to classroom dynamics relative to your class peers; each class member is expected and encouraged to contribute to the dialogue or discussion. It is important that you read the assigned readings as background information on the issue/topic *before* each class session. The classroom will provide you an opportunity to present your views and opinions on the topics under discussion, and to help you refine your knowledge and perspective of cross-border management based on these interactions.

Please note the following: In case of an absence, the student is responsible for the materials and assignments for that class; it is the student's responsibility to contact the course Teaching Assistant regarding absences and assignments that are missed. Students must submit a one-page write-up summarizing any assigned textbook chapter reading for each missed session; this will be due within one week of the missed session. Unexcused absence from five or more scheduled class sessions (which is a total of 33% of this course) will begrounds for failure. If you do have to miss class due to a personal emergency, please let the Teaching Assistant know as soon as possible. Such emergencies will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.



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Participation grades will be based on quality (in-class performance that reflects intellectual depth, insightfulness, and contribution to class learning) and quantity (consistency and regularity of performance). Quality counts more.

However, one cannot make quality comments without at least some degree of participation, so in this respect quantity will have some weight. But do keep in mind the following when considering your participation in class discussions: sometimes it's better to remain silent and have others think you are unprepared or a bit dim, rather than speaking out and confirming those suspicions.

Accordingly, you are expected to come fully prepared and ready to participate for every class. Be prepared to be called upon to "open" a class discussion by presenting your full analysis and thoughts on the assigned topic at the start of class, or to be asked through a "cold call" for comment in the midst of the discussion.

The grading of class participation is necessarily a subjective exercise. However, high-quality comments have one or more of the following characteristics: (1) insightfulness, (2) appropriate application of course concepts, and (3) advancement of the in-class discussion at hand. Some specific criteria for evaluating discussion contributions are:

- Does the student demonstrate an eagerness to participate?
- Is the student a good listener? Does he/she build on others' comments?
- Is the student willing to interact with other class members?
- Are the points made relevant to the discussion? Are they linked to others' comments?
- Do comments demonstrate evidence of in-depth analysis of the case?
- Do comments add to our understanding of the situation?
- Do comments make a substantive contribution to the advancement of our analysis?
- Is there a willingness to test new ideas, or are the comments "safe?"
- Do comments show an understanding of concepts or analytical techniques properly applied to the current situation?
- Is the student presenting insightful quantitative analysis (when required)?
- Is the student demonstrating ethical considerations and insights?

### **EXAMINATIONS**

An in-class mid-term examination will be administered during the middle of Week 2, and an in-class final examination will be administered at the end of the course. Details of content, exam format, etc. will be announced in class well before the examination dates.

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Course Code: LINJ201 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** Business and Industries in Japan

**PREREQUISITE** 

N/A

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

As of 2018, Japan GDP is the third largest in the world, with over USD 5.1 trillion. It is not a one-night wonder, albeit a result of a relentlessly long process of economic growth. Why did Japan become one of the most powerful countries in the world? How did they rise from the catastrophe to its golden age? What causes the bubbles, and how is it now? This course will try to answer these questions in a series of lectures divided into three parts. The first part is about post-war Japan and the miracle. The second part discusses the modern-day business in Japan and the lost decades. Eventually, the last part aims to unravel entrepreneurship, innovation and technology in Japanese start-ups. For each part, some groups will present case studies related to the topic discussed in the class. Students are encouraged to participate in the critical thinking discussion actively and submit a systemically written report at the end of the course.

### **LEARNING OUTCOME**

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to:

- 1. Understand the historical background of Japanese industries in general
- 2. Identify the success factors as well as the causes of Japan economic bubble
- 3. Grasp the idea of starting a new business in Japan and its business-related culture
- 4.Demonstrate a possible solution for each case studies presented

General skills:

Critical thinking and communication

Literature review

Systematic report writing

### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

#### LEARNING RESOURCES

### Required Textbook

Reading lists:

- 1. The development of Japanese business, 1600-1973 / Johannes Hirschmeier and Tsunehiko Yui; set, subset. Routledge, 2006. -- (Routledge library editions. Economic history; 024. Asia).
- 2. Japan: the system that soured: the rise and fall of the Japanese economic miracle / Richard Katz
- 3. The embedded corporation: corporate governance and employment relations in Japan and the United States / Sanford M. Jacoby
- 4. Corporate governance in the 21st century: Japan's gradual transformation / edited by Luke Nottage, Leon Wolff, Kent Anderson
- 5. Yuko Aoyama (2009) Entrepreneurship and Regional Culture: The Case of Hamamatsu and Kyoto, Japan, Regional Studies, 43:3, 495-512, DOI: 10.1080/00343400902777042
- 6.Kan-ichiro Suzuki, Sang-Hoon Kim, Zong-Tae Bae. (2002) Entrepreneurship in Japan and Silicon Valley: a comparative study, Technovation, Volume 22, Issue 10, Pages 595-606.



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### Required Textbook

Readings for group presentation:

- 1.Innan Sasaki & Hidekazu Sone (2015) Cultural approach to understanding the long-term survival of firms Japanese Shinise firms in the sake brewing industry, Business History, 57:7, 1020-1036, DOI: 10.1080/00076791.2014.993618
- 2.Sisson, J. and Elshennawy, A. (2015), "Achieving success with Lean: An analysis of key factors in Lean transformation at Toyota and beyond", International Journal of Lean Six Sigma, Vol. 6 No. 3, pp. 263-280. https://doi.org/10.1108/IJLSS-07-2014-0024
- 3.Tee, R. and Gawer, A. (2009), Industry architecture as a determinant of successful platform strategies: a case study of the i-mode mobile Internet service. European Management Review, 6: 217-232. https://doi.org/10.1057/emr.2009.22
- 4. Christina L. Ahmadjian and James R. Lincoln. Keiretsu, Governance, and Learning: Case Studies in Change from the Japanese Automotive Industry. Organization Science 2001 12:6, 683-701
- 5.Toshiyuki Yahagi & Malobi Kar (2009) The process of international business model transfer in the Seven-Eleven group: US-Japan China, Asia Pacific Business Review, 15:1, 41-58, DOI: 10.1080/13602380802399338
- 6.Kishimoto K, Takeuchi T, Fukushima N. [Present Status of Displaying Pharmaceutical Products for Sale on Flea Market Applications for Smartphones and the Responses to Illicit Selling by Service Providers]. Yakugaku Zasshi: Journal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan. 2017 Dec;137(12):1533-1541. DOI: 10.1248/yakushi.17-00114.

#### Reference Books & Online Resources

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### Suggested Textbook

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### **Other Teaching Methods**

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| WEEKLY SCH | HEDULE |   |                       |  |
| Week       | Day    | Topic   | Reading               |  |
|            | 1      | Part 1: Post-war and revival Introduction: course overview, structure, and readings |                       |  |
|            | 2      | Post-war Japan: economic condition and executives                                   | Reading 1 – chapter 4 |  |
| 1          | 3      | Post-war: What can we learn from the management? Student presentation – 1           | Reading 1 – chapter 4 |  |
|            | 4      | Japan catch-up and economic growth  | Reading 2 – chapter 6 |  |
|            | 5      | Soaring up and the miracle<br>Student presentation – 2                              | Reading 2 – chapter 7 |  |
| 2          | 1      | Part 2: modern-day business in Japan and the lost decades Inside Japan Firm today   | Reading 3 – chapter 3 |  |
|            | 2      | Japan dual economy: small and large enterprises                                     | Reading 2 – chapter 2 |  |



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| Week                     | Day                              | Topic   | Reading                    |
|                          | 3                                | Bubbles and the lost decades<br>Student presentation – 3          | Reading 2 – chapter 8      |
| 2                        | 4                                | Japan corporate governance  | Reading 2 – chapter 2      |
|                          | 5                                | Japan business organizations: keiretsu Student presentation – 4   | Reading 4 – chapter 5      |
|                          | 1                                | Part 3: Entrepreneurship, innovation technology Japan versus Asia | and Reading 2 – chapter 11 |
| 3                        | 2                                | Entrepreneurship in Japan<br>Student presentation – 5             | Reading 5                  |
|                          | 3                                | Entrepreneurship in Japan versus Silicon Student presentation – 6 | Valley Reading 6           |
|                          | 4                                | Concluding remark and wrap-up session                             |                            |
|                          | 5                                | Final Exam  |                            |
| ASSESSMENT               |                                  | •   |                            |
| Assessment Task          |                                  |   | Percent (%)                |
| Attendance/Participation |                                  |   | 20%                        |
| Group Presentation       |                                  |   | 40%                        |
| Final Paper              |                                  |   | 40%                        |
| Total                    |                                  |   | 100%                       |

### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

For weekly presentation, students should make 5-6 people (may change depending on the number of students). Presentations' topic is given in the first week of class in which students are expected to deliver a comprehensive analysis for each subject. The issues are primarily Japanese companies or industries case studies. Please refer to the reading list.

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: MKT316 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** International Marketing

**PREREQUISITE** 

N/A

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

International Marketing is an intensive undergraduate business school course about how organizations develop strategies to compete in foreign markets-- that is, host markets as opposed to their home market. While the fundamental principles of marketing apply throughout the world, such as market analysis through application of the "Four Ps," the particular challenge of cross-border marketing strategy is to understand how differing cultural values effect markets and their consumers, and how differing political and regulatory regimes either constrain or expand opportunities for the firm. A principal concern of this course will be how "globalization" has brought about a world-wide convergence of values, and how current threats to globalization might alter a firm's cross- border marketing strategy.

The course will use lecture/discussion presentations by the Instructor, in-class exercises, and group presentations of assigned readings from the text. Students must be willing and ready to engage in classroom discussion if they expect to pass the course. In addition, a mid-term and final examination, small group presentations, and two short weekly written assignments will be required of all students.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOME**

This course is designed to provide students with valuable knowledge, experience and understanding of the international marketing theories and practices.

On successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- 1. Have a comprehensive understanding of international marketing theories and practices
- 2. Should have the ability to apply these theories and concepts in real environment
- 3. Ability to identify, analyse, and evaluate data, information related to international marketing
- 4. Have an understanding of the differences in the political, legal, economic, and cultural environment of nations
- 5. The ability to clearly identify and explain the issues major issues and challenges of international marketing

#### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

### LEARNING RESOURCES

### **Required Textbook**

Fletcher F., Crawford H. (2016). International Marketing: An Asia-Pacific Perspective. 7th edition.

#### Reference Books & Online Resources

N/A

Suggested Textbook

NI/Δ

**Other Teaching Methods** 

N/A



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|--|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| Course Code:   | e: MKT316 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3 |  |  |                          |
| Course Title: International Marketing                              |  |  |  |                          |
| WEEKLY SCH   | IEDULE                                   |  |  |                          |
| Week   | Day                                      | Topic  |  | Reading                  |
|  | 1  | Part A – The Environment of Into Marketing Rationale for International Marketin                    |  | Chapter 1                |
| 1  | 2  | Avoiding the Pitfalls of the Internat and Legal Environment  | ional Political  | Chapter 2                |
| 1  | 3  | Appreciating the dynamics of the In Economic and Financial Environme                               |  | Chapter 3                |
|  | 4  | Catering for the Social and Cultural International Marketing                                       | Environment of   | Chapter 4                |
|  | 5  | Technology Change and Internation  | al Marketing   | Chapter 5                |
|  | 1  | Contemporary Environmental Varia<br>International marketing  | Contemporary Environmental Variables in                      |                          |
| 2  | 2  | Part B – Strategies for International Marketing<br>Research in International Markets International |  | Chapter 7                |
| 2  | 3  | Market Selection and Entry   | •  |                          |
|  | 4  | Internationalization, Relationships a  | nd Networks  | Chapter 10               |
|  | 5  | Globalization Planning for Effective International   | Globalization Planning for Effective International Marketing |                          |
|  | 1  | Implementation   | Modifying Products for International Markets                 |                          |
| 3  | 2  | Promotion in International Marketing Effective<br>International Distribution                       |  | Chapter 15<br>Chapter 16 |
|  | 3  | Marketing Services and Projects Ov   | /erseas  | Chapter 17               |
|  | 4  | International Marketing in the Deca  | de Ahead   | Chapter 18               |
|  | 5  | 5 Strategy Report  |  |                          |
| ASSESSMENT   |  |  |  |                          |
| Assessment Task  |  |  | ent (%)  |                          |
| Attendance/Participation   |  | 10%  |  |                          |
| Case Study Analysis  |  |  | 40%  |                          |
| 2500 words Assignment Strategy Report (Group usually teams of 2-3) |  |  |  |                          |
| Total  |  |  | 10   | 0%                       |



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#### Case Study

A case study will be given study in the class, you will be required to analyse the situation in the case and fulfill the required task. As this would be the open book case study – so you can use internet, book and any supplementary material necessary to solve the case.

#### **Group Report**

Choose ONE Australian company (SME) which you study through the Strategy Report.

- You need to assess Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia as potential markets, analyse them, and present the viability of all three markets.
- You have to determine ONE international destination for the company (out of your initial three).
- You can choose ONE product line/type/service for these assignments if the company makes many.
- You build on your knowledge and research.
- www.Austrade.gov.au (Links to an external site.) is a good place to start for some

More detailed assessment guidelines will be provided in class.

The group is expected to work as a team. All the group members MUST involve in group discussion, contribute to the overall quality of the group report.

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| D     | 50-59        |
| Е     | 0-49         |

Academic Inquiry: Soochow University Phone: 886-2-2311-1531



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### **COURSE GRADING**

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: ECON302 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title: Intermediate Macroeconomics** 

**PREREOUISITE** 

N/A

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

The unit aims to provide a deeper understanding and skills on the Macroeconomic concepts and policies essential to work as a macroeconomist. Students who did foundation course on Economics and Macroeconomics should choose this unit. This course covers intermediate level macroeconomics topics. This course focus on Neo-Classical Growth Model, New Growth Theory, the IS-LM Model, the Aggregate Demand / Aggregate Supply Model. The policy focus on fiscal, monetary, trade policy, unexpected economic shocks, government debts and budget deficit

### LEARNING OUTCOME

After successfully completing this course a student should be able to:

- Understand macroeconomic theories, principles, short and long run macroeconomic policies and challenges,
- Apply macroeconomic theories to analyse macroeconomic policies,
- Develop arguments by applying macroeconomic theories, principles and models,
- Explain economic growth facts and models,
- Understand the model of exchange rate determination and explain exchange rate regime
- Evaluate macroeconomic policies and develop arguments to make an appropriate policy response.

#### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

### LEARNING RESOURCES

### Required Textbook

[M] Mankiw, G. N. (2019). *Macroeconomics*. 10th Edition. Worth Publishers.

### Reference Books & Online Resources

[BS] Blanchard, O. J., & Sheen, J. R. (2013). *Macroeconomics*. Pearson Australia Group Pty Limited. [DBFS] Dornbusch, R., Bodman, P., Fischer, S., & Startz, R. (2013). *Macroeconomics*. McGraw-Hill Education.

[ABC] Abel, A., Bernanke, B., & Croushore, D. (2020). Macroeconomics, Global Edition. Pearson.

### **Online Resources**

Reserve Bank of Australia https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/rdp/2011-2020.html

### Suggested Textbook

N/A

### Other Teaching Methods

N/A



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|---|-----------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Course Code:                              | ECON302   | Level: Undergraduate Credi  | t: 3                             |  |
| Course Title: Intermediate Macroeconomics |           |   |                                  |  |
| WEEKLY SCH                                | IEDULE    |   |                                  |  |
| Week                                      | Day       | Topic   | Reading                          |  |
|   | 1         | Course Overview   | Chapter 1 [M]                    |  |
|   | 2         | Measuring the Value of Economic Activity (GDP,  | Chapter 2 [M]                    |  |
| 1   | 3         | National Income: The Factors of Production, The   | Chapter 3 [M]                    |  |
| 1   | 4         | The Monetary System: What It Is and How It Work Inflation: Its Causes, Effects, and Social Costs  | Chapter 4 & 5 [M]                |  |
|   | 5         | Exchange Rate, Saving & Investment in the Open  | Chapter 6 [M]                    |  |
|   | 1         | Unemployment and the Labor Market   | Chapter 7 [M]                    |  |
|   | 2         | Economic Growth I: Capital Accumulation and   | Chapter 8 [M]                    |  |
| 2   | 3         | Economic Growth II: Technology, Empirics, and   | Chapter 9 [M]                    |  |
|   | 4         | Economic Fluctuations & the Business Cycle,<br>Stabilization Policy                               | Chapter 10 & 16 [M]              |  |
|   | 5         | Midterm Exam  |                                  |  |
|   | 1         | IS-LM Model, The Keynesian Cross  | Chapter 11 & 12 [M]              |  |
| 2   | 2         | The Mundell–Fleming Model and the Exchange-<br>Rate Regime, Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy, Trade | Chapter 13 & 14 [M]              |  |
| 3   | 3         | Macroeconomic Policy in the Open Economy,<br>Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve System,      | Lecture slides<br>Chapter 17 [M] |  |
|   | 4         | Unit Revision   | Chapter                          |  |
|   | 5         | Final Exam  | •                                |  |
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### Mid-term Exam:

Question type: Problem solving, Multiple Choice and Critical Thinking. The exam covers all the topics from the prescribed textbook, and materials covered in the lecture. Detailed information on the exam will be provided in class.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: FIN304 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Investment and Portfolio Management

**PREREOUISITE** 

N/A

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Investment and Portfolio Management is an undergraduate business school course designed to introduce the student to the fundamentals of investing in today's increasingly sophisticated and globalized financial markets. The central concept of the course is understanding the relationship between investment risk and return, and how investors can obtain superior outcomes through asset allocation strategies. Students will also learn how to analyze financial statements. As well, the course will cover the role of financial markets, their function and regulation, and their role in investment strategy. This course will utilize lecture/discussion from the Instructor, in-class exercises, and presentations of assignment from the text. No prior knowledge of investment theory is required for this course, but a basic understanding of economic theory and the use of quantitative analytical methods and tools should prove useful.

### LEARNING OUTCOME

Comprehension of the major forms of financial investment, such as equities, bonds, commodities, gold, currency, real estate, collectibles, and alternative investment vehicles (among other forms).

- 1. Knowledge of what securities markets are and how they function
- 2. Understanding of how investors manage their investments in terms of a portfolio of choices designed to maximize returns and minimize risk
- 3. Knowledge of modern portfolio theory and asset allocation
- 4. Insight into newer and more exotic forms of investment vehicles suchas derivatives, futures, and options and their role in portfolio management
- 5. Understanding of the fundamental regulations and rules that govern investment and how these rules are converging across nations due to globalized capital flows

### **CLASS HOURS**

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Discussion Section: One hour each week

### **LEARNING RESOURCES**

### **Required Textbook**

Bodie, A. Kane, & A. Marcus. (2018). Investments . 11th edition. McGraw-Hill.

#### Reference Books & Online Resources

N/A

Suggested Textbook

N/A

Other Teaching Methods

N/A



| COURSE INFORMATION                                |  |  |        |                              |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Course Code:</b>                               | Course Code: FIN304 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3 |  |        |                              |  |  |  |
| Course Title: Investment and Portfolio Management |  |  |        |                              |  |  |  |
| WEEKLY SCHEDULE                                   |  |  |        |                              |  |  |  |
| Week  | Day  | Topic  |        | Reading                      |  |  |  |
|   | 1  | The Investment Environment – Asset Casses; How Securities Are Traded; Mutual Funds and Their Role. Alternative Investment Classes. |        | Chapter 1 to 4               |  |  |  |
|   | 2  | Portfolio Theory and Practice  |        | Chapter 5 & 6                |  |  |  |
|   | 3  | Risk and Return; Index Models of Investment  |        | Chapter 7&8                  |  |  |  |
| 1   | 4  | Investment Theory: Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM); Efficient Market Theory. "Behavioral Finance" and Technical Analysis Debate |        | Chapter 9 to 13              |  |  |  |
|   | 5  | Review of Key Concepts Covered in Week 1 by the Instructor; Written Assignment Due   |        | Assign in Class              |  |  |  |
| 2   | 1  | Fixed-Income Securities. Bonds: Prices and Yields;<br>Term Structure; the "Yield Curve". Managing Bond<br>Portfolios               |        | Chapter 14 to 16             |  |  |  |
|   | 2  | Securities Analysis: Equity Valuation Models;<br>Analyzing Financial Statements.   |        | Chapter 17 to 19             |  |  |  |
|   | 3  | Securities Analysis (Continued) Group Case Presentation  |        | Chapter 17 to 19 (continued) |  |  |  |
|   | 4  | Options, Futures, Derivatives and Their Markets. "Alternative Investments and Their Role in Investment Portfolios.                 |        | Chapter 20 to 23             |  |  |  |
|   | 5  | Mid-Term Exam  |        | Assign in Class              |  |  |  |
|   | 1  | Applied Portfolio Management   |        | Chapter 24                   |  |  |  |
| 3   | 2  | International Investment Diversification. Hedge Funds and Their Role in Portfolio Management                                       |        | Chapter 25 & 26              |  |  |  |
|   | 3  | Active Portfolio Management Theory   |        | Chapter 27                   |  |  |  |
|   | 4  | Course Review  |        | Review                       |  |  |  |
|   | 5  | Final Exam   |        | •                            |  |  |  |
| ASSESSMENT  |  |  |        |                              |  |  |  |
| Assessment Task Perce                             |  |  | nt (%) |                              |  |  |  |
| Attendance/Participation                          |  |  |        | 0%                           |  |  |  |
| Mid-Term Exam                                     |  |  |        | 0%                           |  |  |  |
| Group Case Presentation                           |  |  |        | 5%                           |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | 5%     |                              |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | 0%     |                              |  |  |  |
| Total   |  |  | 10     | 0%                           |  |  |  |



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#### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

Homework, Class Attendance, and Participation

Students are required to attend all classes and participate actively. Students should treat their classroom obligations as they would treat any serious professional engagement. Your participation grade (10% of the total course grade) will be based on the instructor's assessment of how well you contribute to classroom dynamics relative to your class peers; each class member is expected and encouraged to contribute to the dialogue or discussion.

It is important that you read the assigned readings as background information on the issue/topic before each class session. The classroom will provide you an opportunity to present your views and opinions on the topics under discussion, and to help you refine your knowledge and perspective of cross-border management based on these interactions.

Please note the following: In case of an absence, the student is responsible for the materials and assignments for that class; it is the student's responsibility to contact the course Teaching Assistant regarding absences

and assignments that are missed. Students must submit a one-page write-up summarizing any assigned textbook chapter reading for each missed session; this will be due within one week of the missed session. Unexcused absence from five or more scheduled class sessions (which is a total of 33% of this course) will be grounds for failure. If you do have to miss class due to a personal emergency, please let the Teaching

Assistant know as soon as possible. Such emergencies will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Participation grades will be based on quality (in-class performance that reflects intellectual depth, insightfulness, and contribution to class learning) and quantity (consistency and regularity of performance). Quality counts more. However, one cannot make quality comments without at least some degree of participation, so in this respect quantity will have some weight. But do keep in mind the following when considering your participation in class discussions: sometimes it's better to remain silent and have others think you are unprepared or a bit dim, rather than speaking out and confirming those suspicions....

Accordingly, you are expected to come fully prepared and ready to participate for every class. Be prepared to be called upon to "open" a class discussion by presenting your full analysis and thoughts on the assigned topic at the start of class, or to be asked through a "cold call" for comment in the midst of the discussion.



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The grading of class participation is necessarily a subjective exercise. However, high-quality comments have one or more of the following characteristics: (1) insightfulness, (2) appropriate application of course concepts, and (3) advancement of the in-class discussion at hand. Some specific criteria for evaluating discussion contributions are:

- Does the student demonstrate an eagerness to participate?
- Is the student a good listener? Does he/she build on others' comments?
- Is the student willing to interact with other class members?
- Are the points made relevant to the discussion? Are they linked to others' comments?
- Do comments demonstrate evidence of in-depth analysis of the case?
- Do comments add to our understanding of the situation?
- Do comments make a substantive contribution to the advancement of ouranalysis?
- Is there a willingness to test new ideas, or are the comments "safe?"
- Do comments show an understanding of concepts or analytical techniques properly applied to the current situation?
- Is the student presenting insightful quantitative analysis (when required)?
- Is the student demonstrating ethical considerations and insights?

#### **Examations**

An in-class mid-term examination will be administered during the end of Week 2, and an in-class final examination will be administered at the end of the course. Details of content, exam format, etc. will be announced in class well before the examination dates.

### **One-Page Written Assignment**

Each student must submit a one-page written paper (500-word length maximum) at the end of the first week, on a given question (drawn from a set of alternatives) provided by the instructor. The questions for the paper will be provided on the first day of class.

### **Group Case Presentation**

Students will be assigned to a small group and each of these groups will make an in- class presentation of a case taken from the textbook. Details of the issues to be examined and expectations of the presentations (e.g., length, format) will be provided in class.

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**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: FIN304 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Investment and Portfolio Management

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: MGT205 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** Leading and Managing People

**PREREOUISITE** 

N/A

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Leadership skills are increasingly important in the full range of corporate, NGO and public agency settings. There are varying perspectives on leading and leadership, but in this class, we will focus on leading and leadership as it relates to challenges and change inherent in personal, business and social situations in the Twenty-first century. Leadership is what individuals do in mobilizing other people, in organizations or communities to do "adaptive" work – work in the context of environmental social and economic change rather than the maintenance of a given "status quo".

Leadership entails not only the capacity to have and maintain influence beyond your authority, but the ability to get people to face the gap between the values they stand for and the conditions they live in. While many of our personal and community core values may be somewhat stable, the conditions we encounter are subject to increasing change.

### LEARNING OUTCOME

Students should be able to:

- 1. Apply relevant theories, concepts and principles in leading and managing people in contemporary organizations
- 2. Identify and describe core leadership and management skills needed in the contemporary workplace
- 3. Apply various leadership and management skills in a variety of situations
- 4. Critically analyses the challenges of leading and managing people in the workplace
- 5.Reflect on ethical principles and social impact associated with the leadership and management of people in contemporary organizations
- 6.Develop and activate a plan to build upon your strengths and weaknesses in leading and managing people.

#### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

#### LEARNING RESOURCES

### **Required Textbook**

Lussier, R.N. & Achua, C.F.. (2016). *Leadership: Theory, Application, & Skill Development*. 6th edition. Cengage.

### **Reference Books & Online Resources**

N/A

Suggested Textbook

N/A

**Other Teaching Methods** 

N/A



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|---|--------------------|---|-------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Course Code:</b>                       | MGT205             | Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3              |             |               |  |  |  |
| Course Title: Leading and Managing People |                    |   |             |               |  |  |  |
| WEEKLY SCHEDULE                           |                    |   |             |               |  |  |  |
| Week                                      | Day                | Topic                                       |             | Reading       |  |  |  |
|   | 1                  | Introduction to Leading and Managing People |             | Chapter 1     |  |  |  |
| 1   | 2                  | Leadership Traits and Ethics                |             | Chapter 2     |  |  |  |
|   | 3                  | Leadership behaviour and Motivation         |             | Chapter 3     |  |  |  |
|   | 4                  | Contingency theories of leadership          |             | Chapter 4     |  |  |  |
|   | 5                  | Influencing through PPNN                    |             | Chapter 5     |  |  |  |
| 2   | 1                  | Team Leadership (Part 1)                    |             | Chapter 6     |  |  |  |
|   | 2                  | Team Leadership (Part 2)                    |             | Chapter 7 & 8 |  |  |  |
|   | 3                  | Styles of Leadership (Part 1)               |             | Chapter 9     |  |  |  |
|   | 4                  | Styles of Leadership (Part 2)               |             | Chapter 9     |  |  |  |
|   | 5                  | Mid-Term Exam                               |             | •             |  |  |  |
| 3   | 1                  | Ethical Leadership                          |             | Chapter 10    |  |  |  |
|   | 2                  | Leading Diversity                           |             | Chapter 10    |  |  |  |
|   | 3                  | Leadership and change management            |             | Chapter 11    |  |  |  |
|   | 4                  | Exam revision                               |             |               |  |  |  |
|   | 5                  | Final Exam                                  |             |               |  |  |  |
| ASSESSMENT                                |                    |   |             |               |  |  |  |
| Assessment Task                           |                    |   | Percent (%) |               |  |  |  |
| Attendance/Participation                  |                    |   | 25%         |               |  |  |  |
| Individual Essay (2000 words)             |                    |   | 25%         |               |  |  |  |
| Case study presentation (group)           |                    |   | 25%         |               |  |  |  |
| Project Report Assessment                 |                    |   | 25%         |               |  |  |  |
| Total  DETAILS ON CDADE COMPONENTS        |                    |   | 1           | .00%          |  |  |  |

### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

## **Class Participation**

Students are required to attend all classes and participate actively. Students should treat their classroom obligations as they would treat any serious professional engagement. Your participation grade will be based on the instructor's assessment of how well you contribute to classroom dynamics relative to your class peers.

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Participation grades will be based on quality (in-class performance that reflects intellectual depth, insightfulness, and contribution to class learning) and quantity (consistency and regularity of performance).



**COURSE INFORMATION** 

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Course Title: Leading and Managing People

### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

Accordingly, you are expected to read the related chapters before participating the class. Be prepared to be called upon to "open" a class discussion by presenting your full analysis and thoughts on the assigned topic at the start of class, or to be asked through a "cold call" for comment during the discussion.

The grading of class participation is necessarily a subjective exercise. However, high- quality comments have one or more of the following characteristics: (1) insightfulness, (2) appropriate application of course concepts, and (3) advancement of the in-class discussion at hand.

# **Case Study (Group Project)**

This is a team work. Students can set up teams by themselves or with the assistance from the instructor. The schedule, contents and all other details will be arranged in the first week of the program.

\* The grade you receive for group activities will depend on two components: (1) the quality of the team submission and (2) the quality and level of your personal participation in the team. Thus, everyone on the team may receive different scores for an assignment.

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: ECON360 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Economics of International Financial Institutions and Markets

**PREREOUISITE** 

N/A

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Financial institutes, markets and securities form the basis of modern financial and monetary systems. This course covers Australian and International economics and its financial systems. This unit explores some of the economic methods, principals and theories of financial asset evaluation and pricing: theories and assumptions of risk analysis and decision making; portfolio analysis. Students will also develop a thorough understanding of the key financial markets, money market, debt market, equity market, foreign exchange market and derivative market.

## LEARNING OUTCOME

After completing this course a student should be able to:

- Understand the process and concepts of asset pricing,
- Identify and explain Australian and international financial markets and institutes
- Understand the objectives of monetary policy, can describe an orthodox and unconventional approach to monetary policy implementation
- Describe how foreign exchange market, bond market, and share market work,
- Understand future and option contracts, explain key determinants of the value of an option contract.
- Apply theories and concepts of financial markets and institutes in a real-world situation

## **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

## LEARNING RESOURCES

## **Required Textbook**

Lengwiler, Y. (2006). Microfoundations of Financial Economics: An Introduction to General Equilibrium Asset Pricing (Princeton Series in Finance). Princeton University Press.

[HT] Hunt, Ben. & Terry, Chris. (2019). Financial Institutions and Markets. 8th Edition. Cengage Learning Australia

## **Reference Books & Online Resources**

- Mishkin, F. (2018). Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets (What's New in Economics) (12th ed.). Pearson.
- Eichberger, J., Harper, I. R., Pfeil, C., & Scheid, F. (2002). Solutions Manual for Financial Economics (Solution Manual ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Simon, C. P. (2021). Mathematics for Economists (1st ed.). Viva Books.
- Viney, C. (2011). Financial Market Essentials. McGraw-Hill Education.

## **Newspapers & Journals**

- Journal of Applied Corporate Finance https://jacf-pub.com/
- Bulletin Reserve Bank of Australia https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/bulletin/
- Journal of Financial Economics https://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-financial-economics
- The Australian Financial Review (AFR) https://www.afr.com/



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# **Reference Books & Online Resources**

## Other online resources

- Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA),
- Australian Stock Exchange (ASX),
- New York Stock Exchange (NYSE),
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA),
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

# Suggested Textbook

N/A

# **Other Teaching Methods**

N/A

| WEEKLY SCHEDULE |     |   |                                |
|-----------------|-----|---|--------------------------------|
| Week            | Day | Topic   | Reading                        |
|                 | 1   | Introduction to Financial Institutions; Debt, Equity and Derivative Markets, Finance Theory, History and Course Outline | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 1 |
|                 | 2   | Introduction to Central Banking, Monetary Policy and Interest Rates   | Lecture slides                 |
| 1               | 3   | Contingent claim economy I: The commodity space, Preferences and ordinal utility, Maximization                          | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 2 |
|                 | 4   | Contingent claim economy II: General equilibrium,<br>The representative agent   | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 2 |
|                 | 5   | Asset economy I: Financial assets, Pricing by redundancy, Radner economies  Deadline: Group Research project            | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 3 |
|                 | 1   | Asset economy II: Complete markets and uniqueness of Arrow prices, Complications arising from market incompleteness     | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 3 |
| 2               | 2   | Risk and Decision Making I: Values, Theories,<br>Assumptions and Evidence   | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 4 |
|                 | 3   | Risk and Decision Making II: Mean-Variance<br>Analysis, Portfolio Choice  | Lecture slides & [L] Chapter 4 |
|                 | 4   | The money market, The bond market   | [HT] Chapter 7<br>& 8          |
|                 | 5   | Mid-Term Exam   |                                |



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|------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Course Code:</b>    | ECON360             | Level: Undergraduate                     | Credit: 3               |  |
| Course Title:          | <b>Economics of</b> | International Financial Institutions and | l Markets               |  |
|                        | 1                   | Shares & The share market                | [HT] Chapter 9<br>& 10  |  |
| 3                      | 2                   | Financial futures, Swaps                 | [HT] Chapter 13<br>& 14 |  |
|                        | 3                   | Option Pricing                           | [HT] Chapter 15         |  |
|                        | 4                   | Revision                                 |                         |  |
|                        | 5                   | Final Exam                               |                         |  |
| ASSESSMENT             | Γ                   |  |                         |  |
| Assessment Task        |                     |  | Percent (%)             |  |
| Attendance/Parti       | icipation           |  | 10%                     |  |
| Group Research Project |                     |  | 30%                     |  |
| Mid-Term Examination   |                     |  | 30%                     |  |
| Final Exam             |                     |  | 30%                     |  |
| Total                  |                     |  | 100%                    |  |
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#### **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

## **Class Attendance and Participation**

Class lectures will be a mix of traditional lectures and time spent working together on applications and exercises. To free up more time for working through problems together, students should read the relevant chapter before coming to the class. Discussion sessions will be used to give students an opportunity to clarify their understanding of the topics from the lecture and textbook.

If students miss more than 5 classes and did not receive permissions from the instructor, they will automatically get a letter grade of F for this class, which is a failing grade. If a student has to miss class due to some personal emergencies or family issues, he/she should inform the TA or the instructor to get permission immediately. And students are held responsible for the class materials and homework for the class they will miss.

Class participation is highly encouraged by the instructor, and the instructor will provide opportunities for the students to participate during the class period. Students should read all assigned reading materials in order to be well prepared for discussion.



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## **Group Research Project**

One of the objectives of the group research project is intended to develop your research skills, improve your ability to apply learned skills in a real-world environment, present your ideas concisely and coherently.

- 1. You work in a team of bankers of an investment bank that provide capital and treasury solutions to ASX listed companies.
- 2. Your research and analysis will involve the followings:
- Research the companies funding and treasury practice
- Current news/development of the company
- Identify opportunities of the company (in relation to investment and treasury management)
- 3. More detailed assessment guidelines will be provided in class.
- 4. The group is expected to work as a team. All the group members MUST involve in group discussion, contribute to the overall quality of the group report.
- 5. Any evidence of students freeloading within a group will get zero.

#### Mid-term and Final Examinations:

There will be 2 exams for this class, one midterm and one final exam, which makes up 60% of the total grade. The instructor will hold a review session before each exam. Details of the examination will be available during the semester.

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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: ECON304 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** Economics of Business Strategy

**PREREOUISITE** 

N/A

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Economics of Business Strategy utilizes the tools of microeconomic theory to help the manager as strategist analyze, formulate, and implement strategy at the firm level. Students will learn and demonstrate an understanding of critical aspects related to these areas such as issues faced by strategic leaders in making decisions on pricing, products development/diversification. An economic way of thinking will be used throughout the course in terms of providing useful analytical frameworks and techniques in strategy optimization.

## LEARNING OUTCOME

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 1. Use principles of economics and microeconomic theory to analyze strategic issues faced by managers as strategists in modern business enterprises.
- 2. Appreciate the inherent strengths and limitations of using economic theory in managing a business.
- 3. Have an understanding through use of economic theory as to why business follows particular strategic decisions in different industries.
- 4. Demonstrate the ability to articulate and assess problems based on the modelling framework used in the course to appreciate a strategy/structure relation.

## **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

## LEARNING RESOURCES

# **Required Textbook**

Besanko, D., Dranove, D., Schaefer, S., Shanley, M. (2013). *Economics of Strategy*. 6th edition. John-Wiley and Sons.

# **Reference Books & Online Resources**

N/A

# **Suggested Textbook**

N/A

# Other Teaching Methods

N/A

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| Week | Day | Торіс  | Reading   |
|------|-----|--|-----------|
| 1    | 1 1 | Part One: Firm Boundaries The Power of Principles: An Historical Perspective | Chapter 1 |
| 1    | )   | The Horizontal Boundaries of the Firm Economies of Scale and Scope           | Chapter 2 |



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| <b>Course Code:</b>      | ECON304             | Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3  |            |
| <b>Course Title:</b>     | <b>Economics of</b> | Business Strategy   |            |
|                          |                     | WEEKLY SCHEDULE   |            |
| Week                     | Day                 | Topic   | Reading    |
| 1                        | 3                   | The Vertical Boundaries of the Firm Make Versus<br>Buy Decision-Making In-class Quiz 1  | Chapter 3  |
| 1                        | 4                   | Integration and Alternatives  | Chapter 4  |
|                          | 5                   | Integration and Alternatives (Continued)  | Chapter 4  |
|                          | 1                   | Part Two: Market and Competitive Analysis Competitors and Competition Measuring Market Structure Perfect Competition, Monopolistic Competition, Oligopoly, Monopoly Cournot's Model |            |
| 2                        | 2                   | Entry and Exit Barriers to Entry and Exit An Entry Deterrence Checklist for Practitioners   | Chapter 6  |
|                          | 3                   | Dynamics: Competing Across Time Essay (500-600 words) Due   | Chapter 7  |
|                          | 4                   | Industry Analysis   | Chapter 8  |
|                          | 5                   | 5 Midterm Exam  |            |
|                          | 1                   | Part Three: Strategic Position and Dynamics Strategic Positioning for Competitive Advantage Value Creation/Value Chain/Resource-Based View of the Firm                              |            |
| 3                        | 2                   | Information and Value Creation  | Chapter 10 |
|                          | 3                   | Sustaining Competitive Advantage  | Chapter 11 |
|                          | 4                   | Strategy and Structure  | Chapter 13 |
|                          | 5                   | Final Exam  |            |
| ASSESSMENT               |                     |   |            |
| Assessment Tas           | sk                  | Perc  | ent (%)    |
| Attendance/Participation |                     |   | 0%         |
| Midterm Exam             |                     |   | 30%        |
| Two In-class Quiz        |                     |   | 10%        |
| Essay                    |                     |   | 10%        |
| Final Exam               |                     |   | 10%        |
| Total                    |                     | 10  | 00%        |



**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: ECON304 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

**Course Title:** Economics of Business Strategy

## **DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS**

## Homework, Class Attendance, and Participation

Students are required to attend all classes and participate actively. Students should treat their classroom obligations as they would treat any serious professional engagement. Your participation grade (10% of the total course grade) will be based on the instructor's assessment of how well you contribute to classroom dynamics relative to your class peers; each class member is expected and encouraged to contribute to the dialogue or discussion.

It is important that you read the assigned readings as background information on the issue/topic before each class session. The classroom will provide you an opportunity to present your views and opinions on the topics under discussion, and to help you refine your knowledge and perspective based on these interactions.

Please note the following: In case of an absence, the student is responsible for the materials and assignments for that class; it is the student's responsibility to contact the course Teaching Assistant regarding absences and assignments that are missed. Students must submit a one-page write-up summarizing any assigned textbook chapter reading for each missed session; this will be due within one week of the missed session. Unexcused absence from five or more scheduled class sessions (which is a total of 33% of this course) will be grounds for failure. If you do have to miss class due to a personal emergency, please let the Teaching Assistant know as soon as possible. Such emergencies will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Participation grades will be based on quality (in-class performance that reflects intellectual depth, insightfulness, and contribution to class learning) and quantity (consistency and regularity of performance). Quality counts more. However, one cannot make quality comments without at least some degree of participation, so in this respect quantity will have some weight. But do keep in mind the following when considering your participation in class discussions: sometimes it's better to remain silent and have others think you are unprepared or a bit dim, rather than speaking out and confirming those suspicions. Accordingly, you are expected to come fully prepared and ready to participate for every class. Be prepared to be called upon to "open" a class discussion by presenting your full analysis and thoughts on the assigned topic at the start of class, or to be asked through a "cold call" for comment in the midst of the discussion.

The grading of class participation is necessarily a subjective exercise. However, high-quality comments have one or more of the following characteristics: (1) insightfulness, (2) appropriate application of course concepts, and (3) advancement of the in-class discussion at hand.

Some specific criteria for evaluating discussion contributions are:

- Does the student demonstrate an eagerness to participate?
- Is the student a good listener? Does he/she build on others' comments?
- Is the student willing to interact with other class members?
- Are the points made relevant to the discussion? Are they linked to others' comments?
- Do comments demonstrate evidence of in-depth analysis of the case?
- Do comments add to our understanding of the situation?
- Do comments make a substantive contribution to the advancement of our analysis?



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- Is there a willingness to test new ideas, or are the comments "safe?"
- Do comments show an understanding of concepts or analytical techniques properly applied to the current situation?
- Is the student presenting insightful quantitative analysis (when required)?
- Is the student demonstrating ethical considerations and insights?

## **Examination**

An in-class mid-term examination will be administered during the middle of Week 2, and an in-class final examination will be administered at the end of the course. Details of content, exam format, etc. will be announced in class well before the examination dates.

## Essay

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**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: FIN301 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Intermediate Corporate Finance

## **PREREOUISITE**

Students should have knowledge of theories and concepts covered in an Introductory Finance Course. Students without basic knowledge of finance will find this course difficult to understand and complete. Before choosing this course, students are strongly advised to go through the course contents and match it with their background knowledge, particularly in Finance, Economics and Accounting.

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

The objective of this course is to help students to understand core financial principles to evaluate financial decision making. This course should help students to understand conceptual frameworks and tools for solving real-world financial problems both at an individual and corporate level.

This course will cover various theories and practices of corporate finance, including financial statements analysis, security valuation, theories & practices of capital investment decisions, corporate capital structure, analysis of risk & return, dividend decisions &policies and analysis of mergers & acquisitions.

## LEARNING OUTCOME

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- 1. Understand and be able to analyse a range of financial decisions by applying the concepts, theories and tools learned throughout this course
- 2. Understand the central concepts of modern finance, this includes ability to calculate time value of money, arbitrage, stock valuation, capital structure and dividend policy decisions, investment decisions, analysis of merger & acquisition decision.
- 3. Critically analyse industry-based problems to make sound financial decisions.
- 4. Conduct research for financial decision making and understand how academic research can influence industry practice and policymaking

# **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

# LEARNING RESOURCES

#### **Required Textbook**

Ross, S., Westerfield, R., Jaffe, J., Jordan, B. (2019). *Corporate Finance*. 12th Edition. McGraw-Hill Education.

# Reference Books & Online Resources

N/A

Suggested Textbook

N/A

Other Teaching Methods

N/A



| COURSE INFO              | ORMATION     |                                      |                                    |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Course Code:             | FIN301       | Level: Undergraduate                 | Credit:                            | 3            |
| Course Title:            | Intermediate | Corporate Finance                    |                                    |              |
| WEEKLY SCH               | IEDULE       |                                      |                                    |              |
| Week                     | Day          | Topic                                |                                    | Reading      |
|                          |              | Introduction to Corporate Finance    |                                    | Chapter 1 &  |
|                          | 1            | Financial Statements Analysis and F  |                                    | Chapter 3    |
|                          |              | [Group Project is based on Chapter   | 3]                                 |              |
|                          |              | Financial Statements Analysis and F  | Financial Models                   | Chapter 3 &  |
|                          |              | Discounted Cash Flow Valuation       |                                    | Chapter 4    |
|                          |              | Discussion on Group Assignment       |                                    |              |
|                          | 2            | • Group formation                    |                                    |              |
| 1                        |              | • Discuss Structure                  |                                    |              |
|                          |              | • Content of the report              |                                    |              |
|                          |              | Return, Risk, and the Capital Asset  | Pricing Model                      | Chapter 11 & |
|                          |              | (CAPM)                               | (CAPM)                             |              |
|                          | 3            | An Alternative View of Risk and Re   | eturn: The                         |              |
|                          |              | Arbitrage Pricing Theory             |                                    |              |
|                          | 4            | Stock Valuation, Financial Markets   | Stock Valuation, Financial Markets |              |
|                          | 5            | Dividends and Other Payouts          | -                                  |              |
|                          | 1            | Efficient Capital Markets and Behav  | ioural Challenges                  | Chapter 14   |
|                          | 2            | Interest Rates and Bond Valuation    |                                    |              |
| 2                        | 3            | Risk, Cost of Capital, and Valuation |                                    | Chapter 13   |
| 2                        | 4            | Capital Structure: Basic Concepts    |                                    | Chapter 16   |
|                          | т            | Review                               |                                    |              |
|                          | 5            | Mid-Term Exam                        |                                    | 7            |
|                          | 1            | Valuation and Capital Budgeting for  |                                    | _            |
|                          | 2            | Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestit  |                                    | Chapter 29   |
| 3                        | 2            | Group Assignment Submission De       | eadline                            |              |
| 5                        | 3            | International Corporate Finance      |                                    | Chapter 31   |
|                          | 4            |                                      | Review                             |              |
|                          | 5            | Final Exam                           |                                    |              |
| ASSESSMENT               |              |                                      |                                    | . (0/)       |
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| Group Research Project   |              |                                      |                                    | )%<br>)%     |
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**COURSE INFORMATION** 

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Course Title: Intermediate Corporate Finance

## DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS

# **Class Attendance and Participation**

Class lectures will be a mix of traditional lectures and time spent working together on applications and exercises. To free up more time for working through problems together, students should read the relevant chapter before coming to the class. Discussion sessions will be used to give students an opportunity to clarify their understanding of the topics from the lecture and textbook.

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# **Group Research Project**

You are financial analysts. You are writing a report for the board of directors. The project will focus on the financial analysis of a corporation.

Structure of the report

- 1. Select a company (should be approved by the instructor)
- 2. Write a half-page introduction to the company
- 3. Financial Statement Analysis of the corporation (Chapter 3)
- 4. Conclusion: List strength and weaknesses of the organization, your recommendation(s) based on your analysis.

## Note:

- More detailed assessment guidelines will be provided in class.
- The group is expected to work as a team. All the group members MUST involve in group discussion, contribute to the overall quality of the group report.
- Any evidence of students freeloading within a group will get Zero.

## **Mid-Term and Final Examination**

There will 2 exams for this class, one midterm and one final exam, which is 60% of the total class grade. The instructor will provide practice questions and hold a review session prior to each exam to help students prepare.



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**COURSE SYLLABUS** 

**COURSE INFORMATION** 

Course Code: MKT208 Level: Undergraduate Credit: 3

Course Title: Consumer Behavior

**PREREQUISITE** 

N/A

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course introduces the theory of consumer behavior and relates it to the practice of marketing. It will present relevant material drawn from psychology, anthropology, social and behavioral sciences within the framework of the consumer decision process and its main influencing factors. The course examines the rationality of consumer decision making process in view of the growing complexities and interactions of various factors, such as attitudes, perceptions, behaviour, culture ... etc. Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to understand the sophistication of consumer buying behavior in various contexts. This knowledge is considered necessary in developing effective marketing strategies.

## LEARNING OUTCOME

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- 1. Identify and explain factors which influence consumer behavior;
- 2. Demonstrate how knowledge of consumer behavior can be applied to marketing;
- 3. Display critical thinking and problem-solving skills;
- 4. Gain, evaluate and synthesize information and existing knowledge from a number of sources and experiences;
- 5. In a team, work effectively to prepare a professional, logical and coherent report on consumer behavior issues within a specific context;
- 6. Deliver an oral presentation in a professional and engaging manner.

#### **CLASS HOURS**

Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day

Discussion Section: One hour each week

## LEARNING RESOURCES

## **Required Textbook**

Mothersbaugh, D. L., Hawkins, D. I., Kleiser, S. B. (2016). *Consumer Behavior: Building marketing strategy.* 13th Edition. McGraw Hill

## **Reference Books & Online Resources**

Assign in Class

# **Suggested Textbook**

N/A

# **Other Teaching Methods**

N/A

Academic Inquiry: Soochow University Phone: 886-2-2311-1531

Disclaimer: Course schedule is subject to change.

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| COURSE INFORMATION              |                                       |  |               |                 |
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| Course Title: Consumer Behavior |                                       |  |               |                 |
| WEEKLY SCH                      | EDULE                                 |  |               |                 |
| Week                            | Day                                   | Topic  |               | Reading         |
|                                 | 1                                     | Introduction: Consumer Behaviour a<br>Strategy                               | and Marketing | Chapter 1       |
| 1                               | 2                                     | Situation Influences   |               | Chapter 2       |
| 1                               | 3                                     | Problem Recognition & Information  | Search        | Chapter 3 & 4   |
|                                 | 4                                     | Evaluation and Selecting Alternative   | es .          | Chapter 5       |
|                                 | 5                                     | Outlet Selection and Product Purcha  | se            | Chapter 6       |
|                                 | 1                                     | Postpurchase Processes, Customer Satisfaction and Chapter 7 Consumer Loyalty |               | Chapter 7       |
| 2                               | 2                                     | Perception   |               | Chapter 8       |
| 2                               | 3                                     | Learning and Memory  |               | Chapter 9       |
|                                 | 4                                     | Motivation, Emotion, and Attitude  |               | Chapter 10 & 11 |
| 5 Mid-Term Exam                 |                                       | -  |               |                 |
|                                 | 1                                     | Australasian Society   |               | Chapter 12      |
|                                 | 2                                     | Household Structure and Consumer Behaviour                                   |               | Chapter 13      |
| 3                               | 3                                     | Group Influence, Social Stratification                                       |               | Chapter 14 & 15 |
|                                 | 4                                     | Cross-Cultural Variations in Consumer Behaviour                              |               | Chapter 16      |
|                                 | 5                                     | Final Exam   |               |                 |
| ASSESSMENT                      | 1                                     |  |               |                 |
| Assessment Task                 |                                       |  | Percent (%)   |                 |
| Attendance/Participation        |                                       |  | 10%           |                 |
| Pop-up Quizzes                  |                                       |  | 15%           |                 |
| Essay (Individual)              |                                       |  | 25%           |                 |
| Mid-Term exam                   |                                       |  |               | 20%             |
| Final Exam 30%                  |                                       |  |               |                 |
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# **Essay (Individual)**

A research topic will be assigned to the students during the first week of the program. The format of the essay should follow APA style.

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