

AC5794P: CORPORATE FINANCE

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Corporate Finance

Subject Code

AC - Accountancy

Course Number

5794P

Academic Unit

Accountancy (AC)

College/School

College of Business (CB)

Course Duration

Non-standard Duration

Other Course Duration

Intensive mode: 3 days

Credit Units

1.5

Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

Medium of Instruction

Other Languages

Other Languages for Medium of Instruction

Putonghua supplemented by English

Medium of Assessment

Chinese

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to provide students with the finance knowledge and relevant skills required to make corporate financial decisions like cashflow management and investment and financing decisions.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Choose and apply the appropriate model to evaluate the asset values and real investment opportunities in a wide range of situations.	30	x	x	x
2	Choose the appropriate short-term and long-term financing methods in a wide range of situations.	30	x	x	x
3	Describe a new way of enhancing the financial health of an organization.	20	x	x	x
4	Identify the current trend in the financing and investment practice of corporations in major industrial countries as well as Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and other Asia-Pacific countries.	10	x	x	x
5	Explain the research results of independent research conducted with a team.	10	x	x	x

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs		Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Lecture	Students will learn important concepts in relation to corporate finance through interactive lectures.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
2	Class Discussion	Students will participate in class discussion to strengthen their learning of key corporate finance concepts.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	

3	Case Study#	Students will conduct case study to solidify their understanding of key corporate finance knowledge.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
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Additional Information for LTAs

DEC TLA element

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?	
1	In-class Activities: Students need to participate actively in in-class activities such as case study, discussion, and exercises designed to facilitate their understanding of knowledge taught in class.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	20	-	Yes
2	Written Case Assignment#: Students will be assessed via the homework their understanding of concepts learned in class, textbooks, reading materials and their ability to apply subject-related knowledge.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	80	# DEC AT element	Yes

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

In-class Activities, Written Case Assignment (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

Criterion

Ability to think critically and analyze and synthesize corporate finance knowledge.

Excellent

(A+, A, A-) Exhibit of very strong thinking ability, organization skills, and ability to analyze and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; possess extensive knowledge base; ability to conduct substantial analysis and provide solutions.

Good

(B+, B, B-) Evidence of grasp of subject matter; some evidence of critical thinking and analytic ability; rational judgement on issues; familiarity with literature; ability to suggest new ways of resolving the issues at stake and provide solutions.

Fair

(C+, C, C-) Evidence of profiting from the learning experience; understanding of the subject matter; ability to develop solutions to simple problems; ability to suggest new ways of resolving the issues at stake.

Marginal

(D) Sufficient familiarity with the subject matter to enable the student to progress without repeating the course.

Failure

(F) Little evidence of familiarity with the subject matter; weakness in critical thinking and analytic skills; limited understanding of literature.

Assessment Task

In-class Activities, Written Case Assignment (for students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024)

Criterion

Ability to think critically and analyze and synthesize corporate finance knowledge.

Excellent

(A+, A, A-) Exhibit of very strong thinking ability, organization skills, and ability to analyze and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; possess extensive knowledge base; ability to conduct substantial analysis and provide solutions.

Good

(B+, B) Evidence of profiting from the learning experience; understanding of the subject matter; ability to develop solutions to simple problems; ability to suggest new ways of resolving the issues at stake.

Marginal

(B-, C+, C) Sufficient familiarity with the subject matter to enable the student to progress without repeating the course.

Failure

(F) Little evidence of familiarity with the subject matter; weakness in critical thinking and analytic skills; limited understanding of literature.

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Outline:

I -Goals of financial management;

II - Financial decision:

1. Capital structure decisions;

2. Long-term financing tools;

3. Dividend policies;

4. Short-term financing;

III - Investment decision:

5. Net present value and internal rate of return;

6. Valuation and capital budgeting;

7. Risk, cost of capital, and real options;

IV - Special topics:

8. Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures;

9. CEO compensation and incentives

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	《公司理财》(美)罗斯
2	罗斯(S A Ross), 威斯特菲尔德(R W Westerfield), 杰富(J F Jaffe)著；吴世农等 译, 2012, 公司理财(Corporate Finance, 原书第 9 版), 北京：机械工业出版社, ISBN 978-7-111-36751-2.
3	Selected Cases

Additional Readings

Title	
1	罗斯(S A Ross), 威斯特菲尔德(R W Westerfield), 乔丹(B D Jordan)著；方红 星等译, 2011, 公司理财精要版(Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 原书第 9 版), 北京：机械工业出版社.
2	G. Hawawini and C. Viallet, Finance for Executives, (South-Western, any edition)
3	Financial news/reports