EF5410: SEMINAR IN SELECTED TOPICS IN ECONOMICS/FINANCE

Effective Term
Semester B 2024/25

Part I Course Overview

Course Title
Seminar in Selected Topics in Economics/Finance

Subject Code
EF - Economics and Finance

Course Number
5410

Academic Unit
Economics and Finance (EF)

College/School
College of Business (CB)

Course Duration
One Semester

Credit Units
3

Level
P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

Medium of Instruction
English

Medium of Assessment
English

Prerequisites
Nil

Precursors
Nil

Equivalent Courses
Nil

Exclusive Courses
Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims at providing students the theoretical foundations of a selected set of models in economics / finance, enabling them to learn and be aware of recent topics in the area and relevant empirical evidence.

Through seminars delivered by financial experts and business professionals on the latest developments in the financial markets, business and current issues, students get to develop their discovery skills for analysing the latest issues in the financial markets. To evaluate students' accomplishments of discovery in putting forward their own analyses, and recommendations where applicable, students are required to write reports for the course. Students may expand on what the speakers lecture on for their reports.

The individual reports reflect students' own analyses of the issues that the speakers lecture on and provide evidence of their accomplishments of discovery. As some seminars are related to current issues with no definite resolutions of the problems, students may provide their own viewpoints in their reports that are opposite to what the speakers would present as long as they justify these views using their own analyses and recommendations. Some of these current issues may include predicting whether a particular central bank will loosen or tighten monetary policy, whether there should be higher capital adequacy requirements on banks, etc.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

	CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Critically evaluate the latest developments in global economy, including in the fields of banking and finance. Students strengthen their creative abilities when they utilize a wider perspective on these latest developments.	60	x	x	x
2	Comprehend and analyze current practices in the financial markets. Students develop their creative abilities further when they critically evaluate these current practices from various perspectives.	40	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	Lectures	Lectures are to provide the latest developments in the financial markets and current practices. Students develop further their critical thinking abilities during these lectures.	1	3 hours lecture per week

2	Reports	Students are required to write reports and present their own critical analyses. Through report writing, students develop and display their creative and innovative abilities as they go about discovering the current practices and the latest developments in the financial markets.	2	-

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks (e.g. Parameter for GenAI use)
1	Attendance, Reports	1, 2	100	Assessed on a Pass/Fail basis

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Assessment Rubrics (AR)

Assessment Task

Attendance

Pass (P)

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Failure (F)

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Assessment Task

Reports

Pass (P)

(P) Students meet coursework requirements and are able to provide analyses of the issues presented in this seminar series.

Failure (F)

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

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Banking; International banking; Risk management; Trade and development; Asset pricing; Numerical methods in economics and finance

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

	Title
1	To be provided by the instructor(s).

Additional Readings

	Title
1	To be provided by the instructor(s).