

## **Corporate Finance Seminar**

### **Fin 6930**

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#### **I. Faculty Contact Information**

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#### **II. Course Objectives**

The course will include a survey of the literature on Corporate Finance topics with the intention of discussing theory and current practice in each area. Potential topics will include:

- Capital Asset Pricing model; best practices, weaknesses
- Economic Value Add metrics
- Capital Structure, dividend policy and stock buybacks
- Leveraged Buy-outs, APV models and the current debt environment
- Real Options
- IPO Market Trends
- M&A Market trends
- Computer Programming techniques in Corporate Financial Modeling

Students will be asked to read and summarize literature on each topic as a basis for class discussion.

**Prerequisites:** MSF student, Investment Banking and Corporate Finance Modeling 1 and 2.

#### **III. Course Materials**

1. Various articles provided on the course site
2. Optional: Applied Corporate Finance, by Aswath Damodaran, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

#### **IV. Grading**

There will be two grading points: Homework and Class Participation (25%), and a final paper (75%). The final paper will be based on a literature review of one of the weekly topics in the class. Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to discuss the reading material assigned.

#### **V. Class Attendance and Other**

Class attendance is required and included in the class participation grade. Excused absences must be cleared in advance and an absence does not excuse the homework due for the class. Exams and or Quizzes will be announced in advance (see outline below for tentative dates) and make-ups are only allowed for pre-arranged excused absences.

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

## Course Topical Outline

| Week | Topic  |
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| 1    | Return Metrics and Firm Performance                          |
| 2    | Special Topics in Financial Statement Analysis for Valuation |
| 3    | Capital Structure, Dividend Policy, and Share buybacks       |
| 4    | Credit Markets and Corporate Restructuring                   |
| 5    | IPO Market   |
| 6    | Presentations  |
| 7    | Presentations  |