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Topic

This distance learning course encompasses the most important concepts of financial market theory: portfolio theory, portfolio selection, asset pricing, information efficiency and market efficiency, investment management, options, and other derivatives.

Target Audience

People interested in the fundamental concepts of financial market theory and who have a basic knowledge of mathematics and Excel.

Goals

Participants know the most important concepts of financial market theory (portfolio theory, portfolio selection, asset pricing, information efficiency and market efficiency, investment management, options, and other derivatives) and can apply these concepts to real-world situations.

Content

- Introduction and basic tools: Basic valuation and return measurements, return distribution, behavior towards risk
- Portfolio theory: Diversification and the efficient frontier, mathematics of the efficient frontier
- Portfolio selection and applications: Tobin separation, shortfall risk, investment time horizon, international asset allocation
- Capital market equilibrium (CAPM): Intuitive and exact derivation of CAPM, estimation of betas, empirical tests of the CAPM, Roll's critique of CAPM tests
- Information and market efficiency
- Arbitrage pricing: Factor models, arbitrage pricing theory, equilibrium
 vs. arbitrage
- Applications: Investment management, performance measurement, active portfolio management, investment strategies and style
- Options and derivatives

Literature: Elton, E.J., M.J. Gruber, S.J. Brown & W.N. Goetzmann (2014):

«Modern Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis», 9th edition, Wiley.

Course director

Dr. Jacqueline Henn-Overbeck, Department of Finance, University of Basel

Examination

Group exercises and written final exam.

Credits

Attestation of participation (9 ECTS Credits). Participants who write a short paper will receive a CAS in Financial Markets. The credits can be transferred to the MAS in Finance at the University of Zürich.

Exam

Date will be published.

Place/Dates

Course duration: 15 weeks both fall and spring term. Mandatory events:

– Introductory event: 10 September, 2018, and 18

February, 2019 in Basel

- Exam: published when the course starts, in Basel

Work load: approx. 15 hours per week

Application deadline: 27 August, 2018 or 4 Febru-

ary, 2019

Course fee

CHF 3 700.– including exam and online tutoring (excl. textbook)

CHF 300.– for CAS paper

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