CORPORATE FINANCE

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| Course code | *FIN117* |
| Compulsory in the programmes | *Finance* |
| Level of studies | *Undergraduate* |
| Number of credits | *6 ECTS (48 in-class hours + 6 consultation hours + 2 exam hours, 104 individual work hours)* |
| Course coordinator (title and name) | *Asta Klimavičienė, PhD* |
| Prerequisites | *Principles of Finance* |
| Language of instruction | *English* |

**THE AIM OF THE COURSE:**

This course unit focuses on the fundamental concepts of corporate finance. It covers both theoretical and empirical aspects of capital investment decisions, determination of cost of capital, valuation, and short-term as well as long-term financing decisions. This course examines the financial goals of a corporation with an emphasis on value creation. This course aims to provide an understanding of main principles and practical skills necessary to analyse financial decisions made by companies, and to evaluate their impact on a company and its financial results.

**MAPPING OF COURSE LEVEL LEARNING OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES) WITH DEGREE LEVEL LEARNING OBJECTIVES (See Annex), ASSESMENT AND TEACHING METHODS**

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| Course level learning outcomes (objectives) | Degree level learning objectives, BMM | Assessment methods | Teaching methods |
| CLO1. Analyse and evaluate company‘s activities and financial condition from financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement); | BLO1.1,  BLO1.2 | Midterm test, coursework | Lectures, seminars, individual study, self-study in groups |
| CLO2. Evaluate investment projects using different methods: NPV (net present value) and its alternatives (IRR, payback method, profitability index); | BLO1.1 | Midterm test | Lectures, seminars, solving exercises, self-study |
| CLO3. Evaluate and compare different methods of long- and short-term financing; | BLO1.1 | Midterm test, final exam | Lectures, seminars, self-study |
| CLO4. Calculate weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of a corporation, to take taxes into account. | BLO1.1 | Final exam, coursework | Lectures, seminars, individual study |
| CLO5. Apply and compare main corporate valuation methods (discounted cash flows, relative valuation). | BLO1.2,  BLO4.3 | Coursework,  final exam | Lectures, seminars, self-study |
| CLO6. Relate the main tasks in financial management; discuss the risk of financial decisions | BLO1.1 | Midterm test | Lectures, seminars, self-study |
| CLO7. Work in teams, present work results in writing, substantiate decisions taken. | BLO4.3 | Coursework | Self-study in groups, seminars, individual study |

**ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY**

The ISM University of Management and Economics Code of Ethics, including cheating and plagiarism are fully applicable and will be strictly enforced in the course. Academic dishonesty, and cheating can and will lead to a report to the ISM Committee of Ethics. With regard to remote learning, ISM remind students that they are expected to adhere and maintain the same academic honesty and integrity that they would in a classroom setting.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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| **Topic** | **In-class hours** | **Readings** |
| Introduction to corporate finance.  The goal of financial management | 4 | Ch. 1 |
| Financial statement analysis: financial ratios, KPIs | 4 | Ch. 3 |
| Short-term financing | 4 | Ch. 26, 27 |
| NPV (net present value) and alternative investment appraisal rules | 4 | Ch. 6 |
| Implementing the NPV rule | 4 | Ch. 7 |
| Capital budgeting and risk | 4 | Ch. 8 |
| MID-TERM TEST | 2 |  |
| Capital structure: Modigliani-Miller, WACC | 4 | Ch. 18 |
| Capital structure in imperfect markets | 4 | Ch. 19 |
| Equity and debt financing | 4 | Ch. 15, 16 |
| Corporate valuation | 12 | Handouts |
|  | **Total: 48 hours** |  |
| CONSULTATIONS | 6 |  |
| FINAL EXAM | 2 |  |

**FINAL GRADE COMPOSITION**

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| **Type of assignment** | **%** |
| *Group Components 30%* |  |
| Coursework | 30% |
| *Individual Components 70%* |  |
| Midterm test | 35% |
| Final examination | 35% |
| **Total:** | **100%** |

**DESCRIPTION AND GRADING CRITERIA OF EACH ASSIGNMENT**

**Coursework**

Students work in small groups to prepare a valuation of a corporation. Details on the coursework will be provided separately. Coursework must comply with ISM requirements. Coursework counts towards 30% of the final grade.

**Midterm test**

It will be held after the first half of classes. It counts towards 35% of the final grade. Calculators may be used, provided they cannot store text.

**Final exam**

The exam counts towards 35% of the final grade. It will be based on topics from the second half of the course. Calculators may be used, provided they cannot store text.

**RETAKE POLICY**

In case of a negative final grade, students are allowed a re-sit exam. It will cover all course material. The weight of a re-sit is 70%. Coursework cannot be rewritten but its evaluation (if positive) is not annulled.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Hillier D., Ross S., Westerfield R., Jaffe J., Jordan B., 2020. *Corporate Finance: Fourth European Edition*. McGraw-Hill Higher Education. (other editions also suitable)

**ADDITIONAL READINGS**

Berk, J., DeMarzo, P., 2023. *Corporate Finance*, 6th Global Edition. Pearson Education Limited.

Handouts (electronic versions uploaded to the course e-learning space)

**ANNEX**

**DEGREE LEVEL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

**Learning objectives for the Bachelor of Business Management**

*Programmes:*

*International Business and Communication,*

*Business Management and Marketing, Finance,*

*Industrial Technology Management*

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| **Learning Goals** | **Learning Objectives** |
| Students will be critical thinkers | BLO1.1. Students will be able to understand core concepts and methods in the business disciplines |
| BLO1.2. Students will be able to conduct a contextual analysis to identify a problem associated with their discipline, to generate managerial options and propose viable solutions |
| Students will be socially responsible in their related discipline | BLO2.1. Students will be knowledgeable about ethics and social responsibility |
| Students will be technology agile | BLO3.1. Students will demonstrate proficiency in common business software packages |
| BLO3.2. Students will be able to make decisions using appropriate IT tools |
| Students will be effective communicators | BLO4.1. Students will be able to communicate reasonably in different settings according to target audience tasks and situations |
| BLO4.2. Students will be able to convey their ideas effectively through an oral presentation |
| BLO4.3. Students will be able to convey their ideas effectively in a written paper |

**Learning objectives for the Bachelor of Social Science**

*Programmes:*

*Economics and Data Analytics,*

*Economics and Politics*

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| **Learning Goals** | **Learning Objectives** |
| Students will be critical thinkers | ELO1.1. Students will be able to understand core concepts and methods in the key economics disciplines |
| ELO1.2. Students will be able to identify underlying assumptions and logical consistency of causal statements |
| Students will have skills to employ economic thought for the common good | ELO2.1.Students will have a keen sense of ethical criteria for practical problem-solving |
| Students will be technology agile | ELO3.1. Students will demonstrate proficiency in common business software packages |
| ELO3.2. Students will be able to make decisions using appropriate IT tools |
| Students will be effective communicators | ELO4.1.Students will be able to communicate reasonably in different settings according to target audience tasks and situations |
| ELO4.2.Students will be able to convey their ideas effectively through an oral presentation |
| ELO4.3. Students will be able to convey their ideas effectively in a written paper |