

BE402 - Finance II

Description

This course aims at providing a basic understanding of financial economics with emphasis on investment theory and practice. The goal of this class is to provide you with a structure for thinking about investment theory and show you how to address investment problems in a systematic manner. The topics include optimal portfolio choice, capital asset pricing model, market efficiency, financial derivatives, capital structure & risk management.

Literature

Corporate Finance, by Jonathan Berk and Peter DeMarzo, 6th global Edition, published by Pearson.

Facts

Course director
Opp, Marcus

ECTS credits
6.00

Start semester
Fall 2025, first period

Information
Mandatory course (BSc BE)

Department
Department of Finance

Examination

BE402 - Finance II, Fall 2025

Evaluation and Grading

Assignments and Weighted Percentages

This course will be graded using the following weighted percentages for each of the assignments in the course. If you don't submit a graded activity, e.g., you don't complete any Homework assignments, your score will be set to 0 only for that respective component. The more favorable grading option will be automatically applied.

Assignments	% of Grade Option 1*	% of Grade Option 2
Homework MyLab Finance	3%	0%
Group Projects	9%	0%
Attendance / Participation	3%	0%
Final	85%	100%
Total	100%	100%

*Grade Option 1 is only available for students who take the exam at the first (main) exam date and who have completed homework/group projects/attendance in the fall of 2025. This means, your course score will be solely determined by your exam if you take the exam on the retake date or if you completed homework assignments/group projects/attendance in previous semesters. Note, you could still get a course score of 100 just based on the final exam (via Grade Option 2).

Grades

Your overall course grade will be determined by the course score, the maximum of Grade Option 1 and Grade Option 2, according to the official grading policy at SSE. (It is possible to pass with less than 50 on the exam).

Assignment Descriptions

The following are descriptions of your required assignments for this course. Specific instructions, submission information, and any accompanying rubrics are detailed on the Course Site.

Homework MyLab Finance

The assigned weekly homework assignments must be completed by the respective due dates (Monday at 11pm) on MyLab Finance. Late submissions will lead to a penalty of 20%. You must sign up for MyLab Finance via the link "Access Pearson" on Canvas.

Group Projects

There will be 3 group projects (to be completed in groups of two to four people (not 1, not 5)).

1. Berk DeMarzo Data Case Chapter 10 (page 393) due 09/12/25 at 11:00
2. Berk DeMarzo Data Case Chapter 11 (page 440) due 09/26/25 at 11:00
3. Capital Structure due 10/10/25 at 11:00

Attendance / Participation

Attendance of Lectures (not seminars) will be collected via iClicker (a weakly increasing function thereof). Active oral class participation may boost your score.

Final Assessment

There will be a final exam. I will distribute a condensed “cheat sheet” with relevant formulas.

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