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Corporate Finance and Financial Analysis (GMT5213)

Syllabus

Winter Term 2016/17

Time: Thursdays from 9:45 – 13:00

Room: W4.1.06

Begin: 24.11.2015

ECTS-Credits: 3

Level: Advanced Level II

Prerequisites:

Accessibility: Course is compulsory for 1st semester MBA-IM students and

open to international guest students on MBA-level

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the course, the participants shall be capable of:

- understanding the need for financial analysis and the tools that enable the comparison of a company's performance over a period of time,
- · recognizing the basic concepts of corporate finance,
- applying different sources of equity and liability financing,
- computing, analyzing and interpreting measures of a firm's liquidity, solvency, and profitability and
- judging analytical results in the context their limitations.

Course contributions

Goal		Course Contributions to Goal	Assessment
1	Responsible leadership in organizational contexts	KPI-based analysis of consolidated financial statements	Case study / term paper
2	Creative problem solving skills in a complex business environment	Analyze informational value and limitations of financial ratios	Case study / term paper
3	Research Skills		
4	Management of Innovation		
5	Management of the challenges of global sustainability and awareness for social and corporate responsibilities		

Main course topics:

- Introduction to Corporate Finance
- Long-term Financing
- Short-term Financing
- Introduction to Financial Analysis
- Financial Analysis: Liquidity Ratios
- Financial Analysis: Solvency Ratios
- Financial Analysis: Performance Ratios
- Limitations to Financial Analysis

Basic outline and organization:

Students will get an insight into corporate finance and basic techniques of financial analysis. Sessions include theory and discussion of specific practical examples.

Grading:

The grading is based upon the quality of a term paper. Students shall explain and analyze the financial reports of two selected companies.

The *term paper* should have a clear structure and your writing should focus on the main topics. From a formal point of view the writer has to follow the guidelines for Academic Writing of the Business School.

Course Materials:

- 1. Ross, S. A.; Westerfield, R. W.; Jaffe, J.: Corporate Finance, Boston.
- 2. Brealey, R. A.; Myers, S. C.; Marcus, A. J.: Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Boston.
- 3. Gallagher, T.J.; Andrew, J.D.: Financial Management, Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.
- 4. Block, S.B.; Hirt, G.A.: Foundations in Financial Management, Boston

Availability of the lecturer and teaching philosophy:

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Preliminary schedule for GMT5213 - Corporate Finance and Financial Analysis

Session	Topic	
1	Introduction; Terms and Definition	
2	Balance Sheet and P&L	
3	Long-term Financing I	
4	Long-term Financing II	
5	Long-term Financing III	
6	Short-term Financing	
7	Ratio Analysis: Liquidity I	
8	Ratio Analysis: Liquidity II	
9	Ratio Analysis: Solvency	
10	Ratio Analysis: Profitability I	
11	Ratio Analysis: Profitability II	
12	Limitations to Financial Analysis and Non-Monetary	
	Performance Indicators	
13	Review and examination preparation	