

and budgetary control and working capital management will be covered in this course. Students should obtain, through this course, a comprehension of the updated development of the theories and practices of corporate financial management.

FIN 7280 Independent Study/Integrative Project (in Finance) (3,3,0)

This is a three-unit elective course that can be selected under special circumstance while application and approval in advance is required. The independent study or integrative project is designed only for senior executives who may not be able to attend class at the end of programme due to unforeseeable timing conflict with the scheduled class time, or for students who have obtained appropriate prior training on research (proof is needed) and would like to take an individual graduation project concentrating on the integrative application of both accounting and finance knowledge. The independent study/project can be selected to substitute only one elective course.

FIN 7710 Contemporary Issues in Finance (3,3,0)

This course provides MPhil and PhD students with a chance to discuss the contemporary issues in finance and investment, including: asset pricing, financial derivatives, securities market structure, and financial engineering. Also, research methodologies are reviewed to enhance students' research abilities.

FIN 7720 Selected Topics in Finance (3,3,0)

This course aims to provide MPhil and PhD students with a better understanding of some selected topics in finance, including: stock markets, portfolio management, international investment, and fixed income securities. Research methodologies are reviewed to enhance students' research abilities.

FIN 7730 Required Readings in Finance (3,0,0)

This course aims to (1) provide a tailor-made and guided reading programme for research postgraduate students in specific area(s) of concentration, and (2) induce students to acquire in-depth understanding of their research area and related disciplines in finance. The supervisor and the student are required to work out a reading list to cover the finance literature supplementary to the student's research area. The approved list will be submitted to the Department for record.

FINE 1005 Financial Planning and Investment Analysis (3,3,0) (E)

This course provides students with an understanding of basic investment products and financial planning techniques commonly used today. Various investment products will be introduced in this course, such as common stocks, fixed income securities, unit trusts and derivatives. Particular attention is given to forming a sound and executable financial plan. This course is offered to non-BBA students only.

FINE 2005 Financial Management (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: ACCT 1005 Principles of Accounting I or ACCT 1006 Principles of Accounting II

This course is designed to provide business students with solid foundation on finance concepts and essential basic knowledge of financial instruments, markets and institutions. It also aims to equip students the techniques for evaluating financial assets, assessing capital investment opportunities and making long-term and short-term financial decisions.

FINE 2006 Banking and Credit (3,3,0) (E)

This course offers students a basic understanding of banking and the importance of an efficient banking industry to the working of a market economy. It examines the structure of the banking industry, the role of the central bank and the basic functions of commercial banks. Emphasis is placed on the general environment of banking in Hong Kong, financial instruments being offered by the banks and analysing the performance of a commercial bank and also the credit analysis of bank customers.

FINE 2007 Principles of Financial Management (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: ACCT 1007 Introduction to Financial Accounting, BUSI 1005 The World of Business or FINE 1005 Financial Planning and Investment Analysis

This course introduces the basic concepts and techniques of business valuation for non-business students. The course enables students to (1) understand the fundamental concepts in finance; (2) assess alternative investment possibilities; and (3) evaluate different sources of financing projects. This course is offered to non-BBA students only.

FINE 3005 Investment Management (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 2005 Financial Management or FINE 2007 Principles of Financial Management

This course examines the investment environment in Hong Kong, the basic principles of valuation of financial assets, and the development of portfolio and capital market theories. The purpose is to offer students guidance in the management of financial investments.

FINE 3006 Introduction to Futures and Options Markets (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 3005 Investment Management

This course introduces students to futures, options, and other derivative contracts. Class lectures will be focused on the theoretical aspects of these securities; however, students' understanding of the practical issues relating to these contracts for the local and foreign markets will be enhanced by their work on a term project.

FINE 3007 Fixed Income Securities (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 3005 Investment Management

This course explores various fixed-income securities and the methods for analysing them. Moreover, the course will also discuss interest rate related derivative instruments and how to use these contracts to modify the exposures and enhance the yields of the fixed-income portfolios. Class lectures will be focused on the theoretical aspects of these securities. Formal lectures will be followed with class discussions. Students' understanding of the practical issues relating to these contracts for the local and foreign markets will be enhanced by their work on a term project.

FINE 3015 Corporate Finance (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 2005 Financial Management or FINE 2007 Principles of Financial Management

This course addresses the controversial issues and the more advanced topics in financial management. It offers students an opportunity to examine the theory of corporate finance and the role theory can play in leading practitioners towards sound financial decisions.

FINE 3016 Financial Forecasting (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 2005 Financial Management or FINE 2007 Principles of Financial Management

This course introduces students to ordinary investment asset forecasting techniques that include technical analysis, traditional time series methods, linear and nonlinear regressions, ridge regression and neural network. Class lectures will be focused on the applications of these methods in the forecasting of stock prices, earnings, dividends and financial ratios. Students' understanding of the practical issues relating to these methods will be enhanced by their work on project assignments and a team-project.

FINE 3017 Management of Financial Institutions (3,3,0) (tbc)

Prerequisite: FINE 2005 Financial Management or FINE 2007 Principles of Financial Management and FINE 3007 Fixed Income Securities

This course focuses on the management of financial institutions, such as banks, unit trust companies, insurance companies. Using the risk management approach, it provides students the understanding of the challenge of globalization to the international financial institutions.