characteristics of films, film-makers and film movements will be considered, as will historical context. The course will also cover selected areas and issues of European film theory where relevant.

## Studies in German Cinema (3,3,0) (E)

The course will introduce students to some of the important movements within German cinema history, and to important German films and film-makers. The central themes and characteristics of film-makers, films and film movement will be considered, as will historical context. The course will also cover selected areas and issues of European film theory where relevant.

## FILM 4898-9 Honours Project in Film and (6,\*,\*)Media Arts

Prerequisite:

FILM 2008-9 Film and Media Arts Practicum I and Film and Media Arts Practicum II (for Film and Video Production Projects); or FILM 4007 Advanced Script Writing (for Script Writing

An Honours Project is proposed and designed by the student, with the approval of a supervising faculty member, in an area related to the student's selected final major electives. The Honours Project involves the individual student in a creative pursuit and represents the peak of the student's creative achievements in the course. Students receive regular reviews of their progress from supervisors. The final project must be presented in production or written format and will be assessed by a panel of teaching staff.

The proposed project categories may come from the following fields: film and video production, animation, scriptwriting, research, publishing/web design, creative strategy and multimedia installation. Prior to the approval of the project, the student must submit a written proposal. Assessment criteria include judgments on communication and artistic quality, and the creative use of electronic and digital media techniques. Workshops and seminars provide an informal forum to discuss progress in the work.

# FIN Financial Planning and Investment (3,3,0) (E) Analysis

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, derivatives, etc. Particular attention is given to forming a sound and executable financial plan. This course is offered to non-BBA students only.

#### FIN 2210 Banking and Credit (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: BUS 1240 Business and Corporate Social Responsibility or BUS 1630 The World of Business

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.

#### FIN 2230 **Financial Management** (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: ACCT 1210 Principles of Accounting I, or ACCT 1220 Principles of Accounting II, or ACCT 1710 Introduction to Financial Accounting, or BUS 1240 Business and Corporate Social Responsibility or BUS 1630 The World of Business or FIN 1610 Financial Planning and Investment

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 with the techniques for evaluating financial assets, assessing capital investment opportunities and making long-term and short-term financial decisions.

#### FIN 2250 Investment Management (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: FIN 2230 Financial Management, or FIN 2260 Financial Management or FIN 2280 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.

#### FIN 2260 Financial Management (2,2,0) (E)

Prerequisite: (1) ACCT 1110 Principles of Accounting I and ACCT 1120 Principles of Accounting II, or (2) ACCT 1710 Introduction to Financial Accounting, BUS 1180 Introduction to Business or BUS 1630 The World of Business

This course enables students to (1) understand the fundamental concepts in finance, (2) assess alternative investment possibilities, and (3) evaluate different sources of financing projects.

# Financial Management

Prerequisite: PA 0021 Financial Accounting II (HKBU's Associate of Science in Professional Accountancy curriculum) or PA 0051 Business Enterprise (HKBU's Associate of Science in Professional Accountancy curriculum) or Equivalent

Finance is the cornerstone of a business and good financial management is vital to its success and growth. This course enables students to (1) understand the fundamental concepts in finance; (2) assess alternative investment possibilities; and (3) evaluate different sources of financing projects. On completion of this course, students should have a good understanding how to choose among the variety of investment and financing possibilities that are available in the market.

## FIN 2280 Principles of Financial (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: ACCT 1710 Introduction to Financial Accounting, or BUS 1630 The World of Business or FIN 1610 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.

### FIN 2610 Introduction to Futures and (3,3,0) (E) **Options Markets**

Prerequisite: FIN 2250 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 works on a term project.

## 3110 Fixed Income Securities (3,3,0) (E)

Prerequisite: FIN 2250 Investment Management

This course explores various fixed-income securities and the methods for analysing them. Moreover, the course 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 works on a term project.

# FIN Business Valuation Using Financial (3,3,0) (E) Statements

Prerequisite: FIN 2230 Financial Management or FIN 2260 Financial Management or FIN 2280 Principles of Financial Management and ACCT1210 Principles