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INVESTMENTS**

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Email response policy: I will try my best to respond to emails received during business hours (9am-5pm) on the same business day. Emails received after hours will be responded to on the next business day.

Modality: hybrid. Each 3-hour weekly class will consist of two parts: (i) 1-hour asynchronous (pre-recorded) lecture and (ii) a 2-hour synchronous in-person session.

Course calendar entry from [2023/2024 graduate calendar](#):

The analytical foundations and tools necessary for successful decision making by investment managers and analysts and by individual investors. Includes a significant hands-on component.

Course Prerequisites:
FINA5502 or FINA5505

Course Description:

The objective of this course is to provide students with the tools necessary to become successful investors or portfolio/money managers. A rigorous quantitative and qualitative analysis of the money and capital markets is offered, with a primary focus on the North American markets. There is a detailed examination of how and where securities are traded and how they are valued, providing insight into how investors appropriately allocate funds across different investment vehicles. This course focuses primarily on an examination of the equity markets in North America. A detailed examination of the trading process and the function of securities markets are presented. This is followed by exposure to the concepts of risk and return, specifically analyzing the role played in security valuation and



in portfolio diversification

Course Evaluation: Each component of your grade will be assigned a percentage score. Your final course grade will be a weighted average of each of these components.

<i>Class Component</i>	<i>Grade weight</i>
Class participation	10%
Quizzes (3@10% each)	30%
Class project	30%
Final Exam (in person)	30%
Total	100%

Preparation and participation

It is expected that the student will watch the recorded videos and read the slides (and assigned readings) before class. Class participation is expected and encouraged.

Quizzes (in person): Quizzes are designed to focus on material that was just covered. They will be approximately 25 minutes in length and will consist of a number of multiple-choice questions. You will write the quizzes on paper in class.

Class project: The course project will cover both the theory and application of topics covered in classes and the readings. The course project is a take-home assignment, it will consist of short essay/problem-type questions. The final project should be submitted via Brightspace no later than **October 20 @23:59**.

To ensure fairness for all students, penalties will be applied to late project submissions: Failure to submit an assignment on time will result in an initial penalty of five (5) percentage points, followed by an additional (2) percentage points per day thereafter. For example, an assignment that would normally merit a grade of 80% would receive a grade of 75% if submitted after the deadline, 73% if submitted the following day, and so on. Requests for extension will be considered in cases of illness, family emergency, or other exceptional circumstances.

Final exam (in person): You will write the final exam in Brightspace. The date and time of the final exam will be announced through the University's normal procedures for such matters. Be sure that you are available for the final exam. Allowance will not be made for conflicting travel plans.

Drop Course Policy: The deadline for academic withdrawal is October 1.

Required Text:

Investments by Zvi Bodie, Alex Kane, Alan J. Marcus, Lorne Switzer, Maureen Stapleton, Dana Boyko, Christine Panasian, *10th Canadian Edition*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2022. ISBN: 9781260881257

Recommended Text(s):

Malkiel, B., **A Random Walk Down Wall Street**, Norton.

Graham, B., **The Intelligent Investor**, Harper Collins
 Graham, B. & D. Dodd, **Security Analysis**, McGraw-Hill

Course Schedule (tentative and subject to changes)

Class Date	Topic	Textbook Chapters
September 11 th	Investment Environment, Markets and Instruments, Trading	1, 2, 3
September 18 th	Quiz 1 (in person) , Risk and Return, Capital Allocation, Efficient Diversification	5, 6, 7
September 25 th	Index models, CAPM	8, 9
October 2 nd	Quiz 2 (in person) , APT, Market Efficiency, Behavioural Finance, Empirical Evidence	10, 11, 12, 13
October 9 th	Fixed-Income Securities	14, 15, 16
October 16 th	Quiz 3 (in person) , Options	20, 21
October 23 th	Final Exam (in person)	

Contribution to Program Learning Goals ([MBA](#)):

MBA Learning Goal	Not Covered	Introduced	Taught but Not Assessed	Taught <u>and</u> Assessed
MB1 Leadership and Collaboration <i>Graduates will be equipped for leadership and collaboration.</i>	X			
MB2 Communication <i>Graduates will be effective communicators</i>		X		
MB3 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving <i>Graduates will be skilled in critical thinking and problem solving.</i>			X	
MB4 Functional Knowledge <i>Graduates will have functional knowledge of all areas of business.</i>			X	
MB5 Global Business <i>Graduates will have an appreciation of the global environment of business.</i>	X			
MB6 Ethical Reasoning <i>Graduates will be skilled in ethical reasoning and decision-making.</i>	X			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course Sharing Websites:

Materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

Recommended Calculator for Examinations:

If you are purchasing a calculator, we recommend any one of the following options: Texas Instruments BA II Plus (including Pro Model), Hewlett Packard HP 12C (including Platinum model), Staples Financial Calculator, Sharp EL-738C & Hewlett Packard HP 10bII

Group Work:

The Sprott School of Business encourages group assignments. They provide you with opportunities to develop and enhance interpersonal, communication, leadership, followership and other group skills. Group assignments are also an effective way to learn integrative skills for putting together a complex task. Your professor may assign one or more group tasks, assignments, or projects in this course. Before embarking on a specific problem as a group, it is your responsibility to ensure that the problem is meant to be a group assignment and not an individual one.

If peer evaluation will be used as an input when assigning grades to group work, specify the procedure.

See the example below:

Peer Evaluation for Group Work

To deter social loafing and ensure fairness in grading, you will be asked to assess the contribution of your fellow group members. This information will be used when assigning the grade for the final project. The procedure is as follows: Each student should take 100 points and allocate those points to the various members of the group (including him/her/themselves) to reflect the contributions made by each member. For instance, if there are four members in a group and everyone contributed equally, each individual would receive 25 points. Conversely, if an individual contributed relatively little, the remaining group members might allocate few points to that member. To ensure that these peer evaluation scores are reasonable and free from personal bias, you will be asked to provide a detailed written explanation for your point allocation.

Letter Grades:

In accordance with the Carleton University Undergraduate Calendar (p. 34), the letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D+ = 57-59	F = Below 50
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 53-56	
A - = 80-84	B - = 70-72	C - = 60-62	D - = 50-52	

Grades entered by Registrar:

WDN = Withdrawn from the course

DEF = Deferred

Academic Regulations:

University rules regarding registration, withdrawal, appealing marks, and most anything else you might need to know can be found on the university's website, here:

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/>

Requests for Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

- **Pregnancy**

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: <https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf>

- **Religious Obligations**

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: <https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf>

- **Students with Disabilities**

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. <https://carleton.ca/pmc/>

- **Survivors of Sexual Violence**

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and its survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: <https://carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support/>

- **Student Activities**

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, to both the individual student and the university, that result from participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: <https://students.carleton.ca/course-outline/>

Academic Integrity:

Violations of academic integrity—presenting another’s ideas, arguments, words or images as your own, using unauthorized material, misrepresentation, fabricating or misrepresenting research data, unauthorized co-operation or collaboration or completing work for another student—are a serious academic offence, weaken the quality of the degree, and will not be tolerated. Penalties may include; a grade of Failure on the submitted work and/or course; academic probation; a refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program; suspension from full-time studies; suspension from all studies at Carleton; expulsion from Carleton, amongst others. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the Carleton University Student Academic Integrity Policy which is available, along with resources for compliance at: <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

Centre for Student Academic Support:

The Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAS) is a centralized collection of learning support services designed to help students achieve their goals and improve their learning both inside and outside the classroom. CSAS offers academic assistance with course content, academic writing and skills development. Visit CSAS on the 4th floor of MacOdrum Library or online at: <https://carleton.ca/csas/>

Other Important Information:

- Students must always retain a hard copy of all work that is submitted.
- All final grades are subject to the Dean’s approval.
- For us to respond to your emails, we need to see your full name, CU ID, and the email must be written from your valid CARLETON address. Therefore, in order to respond to your inquiries, please send all email from your Carleton cmail account. If you do not have or have yet to activate this account, you can do so by visiting <https://carleton.ca/its/get-started/new-students-2/>