



FINA 5511 D Investments Fall 2019

Class Time: Tuesday 6:05pm-8:55pm

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Course calendar entry from 2019/2020 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

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 the 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 in to 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 analysing the role played in security valuation and in portfolio diversification

Class Format

The majority of the classes will be comprised of lectures and the completion of sample problems.

Course Evaluation



Class Component	Grade weight
Class participation	5%
Quizzes (3@15% each)	45%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

Quizzes: Quizzes are designed to focus on material that was just covered. They will be approximately 20 minutes in length and will consist of a number of multiple-choice questions.

Final exam: The date and location 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. The final exam is for evaluation purposes, not instruction. It will not be returned to students.

Required Text:

Bodie, Z., Kane, A., Marcus A.J., Perrakis, S., Ryan, P.J. and Switzer, L.N, **Investments**, Eight Canadian Edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2015

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 10 th	Investment Environment,	1, 2, 3
	Markets and Instruments,	
	Trading	
September 17 th	Quiz 1, Return and Risk, 4, 5, 6	
	Capital Allocation, Optimal	
	Risky Portfolios	
September 24 th	CAPM, Index models	7, 8
October 1st	Quiz 2, APT, Empirical	9, 11
	Evidence, Market Efficiency	
October 8 th	Fixed-Income Securities	12, 13, 14
October 15 th	Quiz 3, Options	18, 19
October 29 th	Final Exam	

Preparation and participation

It is expected that the student will read the slides (and assigned readings, if applicable) before class. Class participation is expected and encouraged.

Course Sharing Websites

Student or professor 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).

Policy on Mobile Devices

The use of mobile devices IS NOT PERMITTED in this class. It is disruptive to the instructor and class members. If you carry such a device to class, please make sure it is turned off. If an emergency situation requires you to keep it turned on, please discuss this with your instructor prior to class.

Group work

The Sprott School of Business encourages group assignments in the school for several reasons. They provide you with opportunities to develop and enhance interpersonal, communication, leadership, follower-ship and other group skills. Group assignments are also good for learning integrative skills for putting together a complex task. Your professor may assign one or more group tasks/assignments/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.

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

		<i>U</i> 1	<i>C</i> 1
A + = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C + = 67-69	D+ = 57-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 53-56
A - = 80-84	B - = 70-72	C - = 60-62	D - = 50-52
F = Below 50			

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 obligation

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 obligation

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

Academic Accommodations for 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. 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 is 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/

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must 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: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Academic Integrity

Violations of academic integrity are a serious academic offence. 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 – 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: carleton.ca/csas

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 may wish to do so by visiting http://carleton.ca/ccs/students/

Important dates and deadlines

https://sprott.carleton.ca/students/mba/dates-deadlines-policies/