

Finance I

Academic Year: **2013/2014**

Semester: **2nd**

Instructor(s): **Geraldo Cerqueiro**

Course Description:

This is an introduction course in Finance that covers major topics in the area of Investments.

Course Content:

- (1) Financial decision making
 - (2) The time value of money
 - (3) Valuing bonds
 - (4) Valuing stocks
 - (5) Portfolio theory
 - (6) Capital asset pricing model
 - (7) Financial options
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Course Objectives:

The course seeks to provide a clear understanding of the fundamental concepts in Finance, as well as of the basic analytic tools in Finance.

Grading:

First midterm exam:	40%
Second midterm exam:	40%
Applied project:	10%
Quizzes + Attendance/Participation:	10%

- A score of 8.0 or higher is needed on each of the two required exams. Students with a score lower than 8.0 on at least one of the midterm exams must take the final exam in order to pass.
 - Only students with an average grade between 7.5 and 9.5 can take the final exam.
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Bibliography:

Lecture notes (available at the course web page).

R. Brealey, S. Myers, and F. Allen, Principles of Corporate Finance, McGraw-Hill.

Biography:

Geraldo Cerqueiro is an Assistant Professor of Finance at *Católica Lisbon* since 2009. Geraldo was a visiting researcher at the *Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System* in 2007, and at the *Central Bank of Sweden* in 2008 and 2009. Geraldo's research has been published in the *Journal of Financial Intermediation* and in the *Journal of Banking and Finance*. His research interests are financial institutions, with a particular emphasis on credit market imperfections. Geraldo received a Ph.D. in Finance from *Tilburg University* in 2009, a Ms.C. in Economics from *Pompeu Fabra University* in 2003, and a "Licenciatura" in Economics from *UCP* in 2001.

Contact(s) and Office hours:

To be determined and posted in the course's web page.
