

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	AMA532
Subject Title	Investment Science
Credit Value	3
Level	5
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	To introduce the basic concepts and techniques of financial modeling and portfolio analysis, with special emphasis on the applications of mathematics and statistics to financial decision-making and the asset allocation.
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Understand basic principles and assumptions in different investment models and performance criteria. (b) Describe the advantages and limitations in several investment models and performance criteria. (c) Apply mathematical methods to formulate investment problems and solve the real-life portfolio management problems under various criteria. (d) Understand and quantify the market risk, risk measurement of portfolios and risk preference of investors in portfolio management.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>Options and options spread, put-call parity, exotic options, no arbitrage argument.</p> <p>Portfolio return and risk, mean-variance portfolio analysis, market efficiency, portfolio constraints and Lagrange multipliers method.</p> <p>Capital asset pricing model (CAPM), single factor and multi-factors model, arbitrage pricing theory.</p> <p>Risk aversion and utility theory, portfolio choice under utility maximization, indifference curves.</p> <p>Introduction to risk measures, value at risk (VaR) and conditional value at risk (CVaR), portfolio choice based on VaR.</p>
Teaching/Learning Methodology	The subject will be delivered mainly through lectures and tutorials. The teaching and learning approach is mainly problem-solving oriented. The approach aims at the development of mathematical techniques and how the techniques can be applied to solving problems. Students are encouraged to adopt a deep study approach by employing high level cognitive strategies, such as critical and evaluative thinking, relating, integrating and applying theories to practice.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)			
			a	b	c	d
	1. Assignments	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Mid-term test	20%	✓	✓	✓		
3. Examination	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Total	100 %					
Continuous Assessment comprises of assignments and a mid-term test. A written examination is held at the end of the semester.						
Student Study Effort Required	Class contact:					
	▪ Lecture				26 Hrs.	
	▪ Tutorial				13 Hrs.	
	Other student study effort:					
	▪ Assignment/Mini-project				35 Hrs.	
	▪ Self-study				63 Hrs.	
	Total student study effort					137 Hrs.
Reading List and References	McDonald, R.L.	Derivative Markets, 3rd Edition	Addison-Wesley, 2012			
	Luenberger, D.G.	Investment Science, 2nd Edition	Oxford University Press, 2013			
	Elton, E.J., Gruber, M.J., Brown, S.J., and Goetzmann, W.	Modern Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis, 9th Edition	Wiley & Sons, 2014			
	Reilly, F.K. and Brown, K.C.	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management, 10th Edition	South-Western, 2011			
	Bodie, Z., Kane, A. and Marcus, A.J.	Investments, 10th Edition	McGraw-Hill, 2013			