



Corporate Finance & Risk Management

01 Introduction

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Overview of the course

→ We follow the textbook

- Brealey/Myers/Allen, Corporate Finance, 10th ed., McGraw-Hill-Irwin 2011
- We refer to this book as: BMA

very closely:

- Overview of corporate financing activities (BMA, ch. 14)
- Issuing securities (BMA, ch. 15)
- Payout policy (BMA, ch. 16)
- Debt policy (BMA, ch. 17)
- How much should a firm borrow? (BMA, ch. 18)
- Financing and valuation (BMA, ch. 19)

Syllabus & assessment

→ The syllabus covers

- everything in chapters 14 to 19 in BMA
 - even if it was never mentioned in class!
- everything covered in class
 - even if it is not in the book

→ The final grade consists of up to two exams:

- Voluntary midterm exam (closed-book, 30%)
- Final exam (closed-book, 70% / 100%)
- Above weights apply only to the first exam in December; the re-take exam in February 2017 counts for 100% of the final grade.

Organisation

- All information about the course, its objectives & logistics, the assessment, dates, exercises, etc. on our webpage
 - http://cf.bwl.uni-mannheim.de/de/teaching/bachelor_program/bachelor_fin/
- If the information you need is not on the webpage
 - fin401@corporate-finance-mannheim.de
 - questions answered Monday to Friday
- Three groups, all in SN169 (“Röchling Hörsaal”)
 - Tuesday 8:30 am – 10:00 am
 - Tuesday 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm
 - Tuesday 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 - Free choice, free seating!

- Exercise sessions (in English and German, starting next week)
 - Organization: Tamas Barko and Thomas Johann
 - Support: support.fin401@corporate-finance-mannheim.de
 - Office hour: upon appointment



Learning Corporate Finance

A recommendation

1. Study textbook chapter *before* class
2. Take notes in class, *ask questions* on what you did not understand
3. Do questions (“concept review,” practice, challenge) at the end of the chapter
4. Prepare and attend the exercises
5. Still confused? *Ask questions* on the discussion board!
 - General questions
 - Expect a response in 24 hours
 - Everybody can participate

Questions?

→ More extensive information

- on the websites
- and the *discussion board* on ILIAS
 - our top priority for answering questions

→ Email:

- lower priority
- answers will be posted on discussion board with name

→ ...or simply ask now!