

ECON106F: Summer 2017 Session A Syllabus

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1. Class Information

- Lectures: Monday and Wednesday from 3:15pm to 5:20pm in Dodd 147
- E-mail: agalluzzi@ucla.edu
- Office Hours: TBA
- Class Website:TBA
- Discussion Forum: The class website also gives you access to a discussion forum. It will be the only platform I will use to answer your questions about the class material. Answering the questions your classmates have is also a good way to check your preparation. Please make sure that the discussion title describes your question, so that you can easily check if the question you might have has already been answered.
- Textbook: Corporate Finance by Berk and Demarzo. I may also use excerpts from Ivo Welch's Corporate Finance, which is available for free at <http://book.ivo-welch.info/ed3/toc.html>
- Prerequisites: ECON102 (Macroeconomic Theory)

2. Grading

- Grading Scheme: There will be a midterm and a final. The final grade is determined with the following weights
 - 50% for both midterm and final or
 - 30% on the midterm and 70% on the final

Whichever is higher.

If a student misses the midterm because of a valid medical reason (for which documentation will be provided), his/her grade is going to be solely based on the final. A student who misses the midterm without a valid medical excuse or without receiving prior permission will receive a zero.

Problem sets will be posted, but carry no weight in the final grade. However, they are a key part to succeed in this class.

- Disabled students: Any student with a preexisting illness or condition who requests special arrangements must (a) qualify under OSD rules for such special arrangements and (b) must take the exam with OSD. Any such arrangements with OSD must be made during the first week of classes. The instructor must be informed of any such arrangement in the first week of classes. For additional information and the qualification conditions of the Office of Student Disabilities (OSD), please visit their website at <https://www.osd.ucla.edu/> . All other students must take the exams at the scheduled time under the same time constraints. It is the responsibility of all students who request special arrangements with OSD to be familiar with all of their rules as well as the rules of this class.
- Academic dishonesty: Any cases of cheating will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. For more details please refer to the Office of the Dean of Students website at <http://www.deanofstudents.ucla.edu/>

3. Course Description: This course covers an introduction to both the theory and practice of corporate finance. Students will leave the class with a practical understanding of the capital-asset pricing model (CAPM) and basic valuation models for debt, equity, and derivatives. They will also have a basic understanding of the theory of portfolio choice and capital structure