

# Financial Management Focus Courses Overviews

## Corporate Finance

This course is designed to provide a framework for understanding the determinants of corporate investment, financing, and pay out policies. The course will provide an analysis of the determinants of each policy as well as their implications for shareholder value. The course covers also advanced topics including risk management, executive compensation, and more broadly the purpose of the corporation. The course covers financial theories and tools as well as the available evidence on these topics.

The objective of the course is to provide the necessary tools for making informed corporate finance decisions. In particular, the course aims at offering a theoretical and practical understanding for addressing the key questions in corporate finance.

## Financial Investments

This course is designed to improve your understanding of the fundamental concepts of security investments and the interaction of corporations with financial markets.

There are five main modules in the course: asset allocation and portfolio optimization, security valuation/IPOs, practical portfolio trading strategies, introduction to derivatives and fixed income, foreign exchange risk management. You will review theory but will pay particularly close attention to the empirical evidence/ real data.

## Strategic Taxation Issues

The course intends to provide you with a strong knowledge in corporate tax matters. All types of taxes, in particular income and profit taxes, as well as indirect taxes (VAT), are treated within their business and transactional context.

Fiscal issues encountered upon the creation of a company, the relationship between shareholders and their company or issues linked to transactions between related parties are examples of situations analysed. The course also focuses on transactions, like mergers and acquisitions or the sale of companies (exit) done by ways of IPOs, share and asset deals.