



Advanced Corporate Finance II

VL: Tue: 16:00 – 18:00, Room 125

Overview

This course covers advanced issues in corporate finance, such as mergers & acquisitions, risk management, and financial engineering. Various real-world cases will be discussed. In addition there will be several company presentations.

Prerequisites

Advanced Corporate Finance I, basic knowledge of derivative securities

Team

Instructor	Prof. Tim Adam	
	Office hours: Tuesday 15-16	
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Readings

The course textbook is Grinblatt and Titman (2204), *Financial Markets and Corporate Strategy*, 2nd edition, Irwin/McGraw-Hill (GT hereafter).

Cases are available from the HBS at <http://www.hbsp.harvard.edu/> for about 5 Euros per case.

Additional readings, such as journal articles and book chapters, as well as lecture slides, are available from Moodle.

Preliminary Course Outline

#	Date	Topic	GT book chapters
1	Oct 20	Introduction, History and Types of Mergers and Acquisitions	20.1 – 20.3
2	Oct 27	The Economics of M&A	20.4 – 20.5 & 20.8
3	Nov 3	Empirical Evidence & Financing Acquisitions and Hostile Takeovers Corporate Restructuring and Divestitures	20.6 – 20.7 20.9 – 20.11
4	Nov 10	Axel Springer	
5	Nov 17	IEG	
6	Nov 24	Why firms should or should not hedge	21
7	Dec 1	Measuring Risks and Risk Exposures	22.1
8	Dec 8	Hedging Strategies	22.2 – 22.11
9	Dec 11 Friday	Strip versus stack hedges: The case of Metallgesellschaft	HBS Case 9-297-047
10	Jan 8 Friday	Managing Interest Rate Risk	23
11	Jan 12	Introduction to financial engineering	
12	Jan 19	Why Firms Issue Convertibles and other Hybrid Securities	
13	Jan 26	IEG	
14	Feb 2	PERCS – Avon Products, Inc.	HBS Case 9-289-049
15	Feb 9	Review of Course	

Reading Assignments

Two types of bullets are used to distinguish between required and optional readings.

- Required readings
- Optional readings