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M10 Corporate Finance & Investment Banking		
Lecturer	Module coordinator	
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Content

Investment Banking, on the one side, was in the eye of the hurricane of the last Global Financial Crisis in 2008. On the other side, Corporate Finance (CF) is, besides Corporate Strategy, a mission critical capability of management teams. But in the end "Corporate Finance and Investment Banking" are just two sides of the same coin. We will teach the lectures from a holistic view and will touch upon crucial 21st century business questions like:

- Capital structure, cost of capital and credit ratings
- Does an optimal capital structure exist and the role of leverage
- Payout (dividend) policy and share buybacks
- Initial Public Offerings (IPO) and Equity Underwriting
- Debt Markets and Underwriting
- Venture Capital, Incubation and Acceleration (link to M13)
- Valuation and Financing
- Corporate Portfolio Management, Corporate Strategy and Strategic Finance
- Financial Restructuring and Divestures

Prerequisite for Participation

 Detailed understanding of basic Corporate Finance concepts, like net present value, perpetuities and annuities with and without growth, the valuation of bonds and stocks, portfolio theory and techniques. Therefore, the lecture on "Valuing Securities and Companies" of the first term is a prerequisite.

Preparation / Reading

 Brealey, R. A.; Myers, S. C.; Allen, F.: "Principles of Corporate Finance", 13th ed., McGrawHill, 2020 (chapters of first term).

Intendend learning outcomes

- Students will gain an extensive overview of 21st century Corporate Finance & IB issues
- They understand how to deploy modern CF and IB tools to navigate an international corporation through global capital markets
- They develop competencies to define an optimized capital structure and dividend policy.
- They know the specifics of equity and debt market instruments
- As well they have a thorough understanding how corporate strategy and corporate finance concepts interact



Teaching & Learning methods

"Corporate Finance and Investment Banking" is based upon the following learning methods

- Classroom sessions: Text book and article-based teaching and discussions
- Case Studies: Applying the learned concepts on real world problems (case studies)
- New E-Learning concepts like FT and Economist online resources, ...
- Term papers and presentations by students
- Best practice lectures by blue chip corporations, investment banks and consultancies

Practicability of course within other courses of the program

- The lectures build upon the first term lectures on "Valuing securities and companies".
- "Corporate Finance and Investment Banking" lectures together with M7 "Corporate
 Strategy, Strategic Innovation and New Business Designs" and M8 "Corporate Venture
 Capital, Incubation and Acceleration" will provide an integrated board view as nowadays
 applied in truly international corporations.
- Corporate Finance & IB tools will be applied on multiple corporate finance case studies.
- The lecture should enable students to gain competencies they need if they want to kick off their career in an international corporation (especially in corporate finance)

Literature

- Brealey, R. A.; Myers, S. C.; Allen, F. (2020). *Principles of Corporate Finance*. 13th ed., McGrawHill (advanced chapters).
- Copeland, T., Weston, J., Shastri, K., (2004). *Financial Theory and Corporate Policy*, Amsterdam.
- Berk, J.; DeMarzo P. (2011). *Corporate Finance*. Pearson; 2nd edition.
- Bodie, Z.; Kane, A.; Marcus, A. J. (2011). Investments and Portfolio Management. 9th ed., McGraw-Hill;.
- Davies, T.; Boczko, T.; Chen, J. (2008). Strategic Corporate Finance; Mc-Graw Hill.
- Pettit, Justin (2007). Strategic Corporate Finance Applications in Valuation and Capital Structure. Willey.
- Smith, J., K.; Smith, R. L. (2019). Entrepreneurial Finance Venture Capital, Deal Structure & Valuation. 2nd ed., California: Stanford University Press.

Course organisation

ECTS-Credits 6	SWS 4		Language English	
Kind of module Compulsory	Term Summer Term		Duration 1 term	
Workload 6 ECTS-Credits x 30 hours = 180 hours:				
Attendance	Preparation / Homework /		Time for (group) exercises	
15 weeks * 3 hours = 45 hours	15 weeks * 3 hours = 45 hours		15 weeks * 2 hours = 30 h.	
Semester project /	Exam preparation		Exam time	
Presentation			60 minutes presentation	
60 hours			Term paper	
Prerequisite for the exam Non				
Exam requirements Non	Weighting in exa		amination Written exam: 50 %	
	Term Paner (incl. presentation): 50 %			