Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2019

7,206: Financial Management

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s
(binding regulations see below)
Central - Written examination (50%, 60 mins.)
Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (50%)

Attached courses
Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer
7,206,1.00 Financial Management -- Englisch -- Truijens Thorsten

Course information

Course prerequisites
The course assumes that you have a fundamental knowledge in finance at the beginning of the course. Hence, the course is not suitable to students without fundamental finance knowledge. A good reference point to examine whether you have the necessary background are the four chapters of the Higgins textbook (see course literature).

Course content
The course focuses on value based management (VBM), one of the major financial topics of recent times. Starting with the basics of financial statement analysis, the course continues with the basics of business planning ending with the major topic of enterprise valuation. Students will be exposed to the major concepts of enterprise valuation and identify the major value drivers which can be found in the corporate reality.

The learning objectives of the course are as follows:
- to understand the key ingredients of corporate financial statements
- to realize how corporate financial performance is measured
- to gain the tools to evaluate the financial viability of corporate capital expenditure projects
- to master different enterprise valuation technologies in order to arrive at a meaningful corporate valuation and identify the underlying value drivers

Course structure
The course sessions comprise of plenary discussions and small cases, ending with relatively complex, real-world cases. You are required to prepare each class by studying the reading material for that session.

Course literature
Robert C. Higgins, Analysis for Financial Management, 12th ed., McGraw Hill, 2018 (the 11th ed. is also fine for the course)

Additional course information
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Examination information

Fact sheet version: 2.0 as of 10/10/2019, valid for Autumn Semester 2019
Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form
Central - Written examination (50%, 60 mins.)

Remark

Examination-aid rule
Open Book
Students are free to choose aids but will have to comply with the following restrictions:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments **Ti-30 series** are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form
Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (50%)

Remark

Examination-aid rule
Practical examination
No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

Supplementary aids

Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

Examination content
- Financial Statement Analysis - Business Planning - Enterprise Valuation - Capital Expenditure Planning - Value Driver Analysis

Examination relevant literature
Besides the main text book used in the course (Robert C. Higgins, Analysis for Financial Management), all additional literature contained in the course folder as well as the additional material passed out during the course are relevant.
Please note

Please note that this fact sheet alone is binding and has priority over any other information such as StudyNet (Canvas), personal databases or faculty members' websites and information provided in their lectures, etc.

Any possible references and links within the fact sheet to information provided by third parties are merely supplementary and informative in nature and are outside the University of St.Gallen's scope of responsibility and guarantee.

Documents and materials that have been submitted no later than the end of term time (CW51) are relevant to central examinations.

Binding nature of the fact sheet:

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral) and examination type starting from the beginning of the bidding on 22 August 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 14 October 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 4 November 2019

Please consult the fact sheet again after these deadlines have expired.