

Course Syllabus

Course Code/Sec. and Title	Fall21 FIN 0009/01C Introduction to Derivatives Market	
Schedule	Semester:	Fall 2021
	# of sessions/days of the week:	10 Sessions / Tuesdays
	Dates:	9/21/2021
	Times:	6:15pm-8:45pm
	Location/Room#	On-Line Zoom
Instructor Name	Chris Droussiotis	
Contact Information	Email: Christakis.Droussiotis@baruch.cuny.edu Tel: (908) 930-4725 (Voice and Text)	
Course Description	<p>The course will give an introductory overview of futures contracts, forward contracts, options and swaps. The course will help the student understand how to use this asset class as an instrument to hedge risk. The instructor will also provide various spreadsheets to help the student understand the analytics behind these financial instruments.</p> <p>All Lecture Notes/Homework/Class Projects /Reading material are found at the instructor's website at www.ProfessorDrou.com</p>	
Prerequisites	N/A	
Learning Objectives	<p>This course has two objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To explore the properties of those derivatives that are commonly encountered in practice such as forward contracts, futures contracts and options; 2. To provide a general framework within which all derivatives can be valued and hedged. 	
Materials/Books (optional)	<p>Textbook, Introduction to Derivatives and Risk Management 10th Edition Don M. Chance; Roberts Brooks Cengage Learning ISBN-13: 9781305104969 https://isbnsearch.org/isbn/9781305104969</p> <p>Textbook, An Analytical Approach to Investments, Finance and Credit Chris Droussiotis Cognella Publishing ISBN 978-1-5165-4911-5 https://store.cognella.com/93859</p>	

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Outline/ Assignments	Session	Date	Topic	Textbook – Read Lecture #	Homework	Exams
	1	Sep 21	Intro to Finance and Derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time/Value concepts • Views/Direction • Forward & Futures • Options & Swaps • Other Derivatives 	Chapter 1,2 / Lecture 1		
	2	Sep 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Option Strategies 	Chapters 6 Lecture 2		
	3	Oct 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Option Strategies 	Chapters 7 Lecture 3	Homework #1 Due	
	4	Oct 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal of Option Pricing • Intro to Binomial Option Pricing Model (Method #1) 	Chapter 3 Lecture 4	Homework #2 Due	
	5	Oct 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option Pricing Models: • The BOPM – Single and multi-stage approach • MID-TERM REVIEW 	Chapter 4 Lecture 5	Homework #3 Due	
	6	Oct 26	MID-TERM EXAM			
	7	Nov 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option Pricing Models: • Black-Scholes Merton 	Chapter 5 Lecture 6		
	8	Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futures & Forwards 	Chapter 8 Lecture 7		
	9	Nov 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWAPs & CDS • Final Exam Review 	Chapter 11	Homework #4 Due	
	10	Nov 23	FINAL EXAM			
	<p>Please note: Recording of instructor lessons is strictly prohibited without the express consent of the instructor.</p>					
Attendance Policy	<p>Attendance for all sessions is required. If a student cannot attend one session, it will be the responsibility of the student to master the information covered. Repeated absences will result in a reduction of the student's grade. Attendance is mandatory for international students. Each student must attend all scheduled classes. Any International Business Program (IBP) student who has more than two absences in a class or any full-time ESL student who misses more than 20% of scheduled sessions may result in a failing grade for the course.</p>					

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IBP Failure Policy	<p>If an International Business Program (IBP) student fails a course, they will need to repeat the course. The student is responsible for contacting the CAPS office within 10 days of the ending date of the course to make arrangements to re-take the course in a subsequent semester. An IBP student will not be eligible to apply for OPT or to receive a certificate unless all failed courses are subsequently passed.</p>																																																		
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<p>Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Students who wish to be graded on a Pass/Fail basis must complete a PASS/FAIL REQUEST FORM. Download the form from CAPS website (baruchcaps.com) - Student Services and return the completed form by email to caps@baruch.cuny.edu. The form is subject to approval subject to approval by the Program Director and must be submitted prior to the third, class meeting (for a standard eight or ten session course) or prior to the second, class meeting (for a five or shorter course). This course may NOT be used to satisfy the requirements of a certificate program (except for 11.25 hours or shorter Real Estate courses). Once granted, the Pass/Fail option is not reversible. The student must attend 80% of the classes and complete all course requirements in order to receive a “passing” grade. The following courses: Personal Development, Seminars and Certified Financial Planning, are always graded on a Pass/Fail basis.</p>
<p>INC</p>	<p>This grade may NOT be used in ESL classes. Students with a justifiable cause may request a grade of INC, subject to approval by both the instructor and the Program Director. The student must complete all remaining assignment(s) within 30 days after the last day of class or the INC grade will change to a grade of “F”. Final exams must be taken within seven days of the ending date of the course.</p> <p>The grade of INC is intended for students with medical or emergency issues which prevented them from completing the requirements of the course within the regular term. Conditions which justify an INC are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There must be documented and extenuating circumstances (such as health issues or a death in the family). ▪ The student must have been attending class on a regular basis. ▪ Both the instructor and the Program Director must approve the INC. ▪ All course requirements must be completed <u>within 30 days</u>, after which the grade will change to an “F”. <p>If a student has missed a final exam and does not have a documented, extenuating circumstance, this does <u>not</u> qualify for an INC, nor a make-up exam. The student receives a grade of “F” for the final exam.</p>
<p>COMP</p>	<p>Awarded to students who have completed a preparation course, i.e. GMAT.</p>
<p>R</p>	<p>Repeat. Given in ESL classes only, this course must be repeated until a minimum proficiency is attained.</p>
<p>Academic dishonesty & Plagiarism</p>	<p>Academic sanctions in this class may range from an F on the assignment to an F in this course or expulsion from the program. A report of suspected academic dishonesty will be sent to the Program Director and the Associate Dean.</p> <p>Additional and Important information for students about the consequences of cheating and plagiarism: http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/academic/academic_honesty.html</p>
<p>Instructor Bio</p>	<p>Professor Droussiotis’ training and expertise is in the area of Investment Banking. Possessing over 30 years of experience by working for numerous corporations in various executive management positions at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of America Merrill Lynch • CIBC Oppenheimer • Mizuho Financial Group • Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Trust UFJ • Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation • Mitsui Nevitt Banking Corporation <p>Professor Droussiotis is currently a Managing Director, General Manager and the Head of the Leverage Finance, Private Equity Sponsor Group & Structured Finance Department at</p>

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Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation managing a loan portfolio of over \$8 billion of large cap and middle market leveraged loans, as well as investments in SPV funds, CLOs and BDCs that are backed by leveraged loans and high yield bonds.

Academic Experience

Adjunct Professor for Columbia University's School of Professional Studies, Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business, Baruch College's Economics & Finance Department in NY, Baruch College's Continuing and Professional Studies (CAPS), Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall and Fairleigh Dickinson University's International School of Hospitality and Tourism Management in NJ. Courses include Quantitative Analysis in Business, Investment Analysis, Managerial Finance, Commercial Credit & Banking, Debt & Fixed Income Markets, Derivative Strategies, Business Statistics, Equity Valuation and Advanced New Venture Management.

Professor Droussiotis has also given lectures on various subjects including Leveraged Buyouts, Credit Markets, Loan Syndications, Capital Markets at Baruch College, Bank of China, Cendant Corporation, China Construction Bank, Wyndham Worldwide, Travelport and the Industrial Bank of Japan, etc.

Specialties

Leveraged Finance, Loan Syndication and Private Placements, Quantitative Analysis including Portfolio Risk, Financial Modeling, Credit Analysis, Equity Return Analysis and CLOs. Professor Droussiotis is a member of various associations such as Hellenic American Bankers Association (HABA) and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA).