FIN4723 THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

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No recommended Textbook

Reference Textbook: Wee Yong, YEO (2019), "Financial Institutions and Markets: with a Singapore Perspective" 1st edition, Pearson Education

Prerequisites: FIN3703

Course Objective:
The financial system is made up of financial institutions and markets. The objective of this module is to expand the scope and dive deeper into the financial system that is introduced in the core course in the finance major, FIN3703. The course will emphasize current developments and also discuss the impact of technology on the financial system.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Understand the financial system and how the institutions and markets within it work together
- Understand the current developments and evolution of the financial institutions and markets, especially the impact of technology on them
- Be familiarized with financial crises resulting from the failure of the financial system

Assessment: This is a 100% CA course

Class participation	20
Term Project	30
Class Test I	15
Class Test II	15
Case Presentation	20
Total	**100**

Class participation:
Classes will be conducted in a participative manner. Students are to be prepared for classes, including and especially reading the cases, and participating actively in class discussions.

Term Project:
This a group project. The objective of the project is to allow students to research into issues and questions related to the financial system and to share the knowledge they have acquired with the rest of the class. The project consists of a written report and a presentation.

Class Test I and II:
These are short tests to be held during class time. Students are to make sure that they are available to sit for the tests.

Group Case Presentation
This is a group presentation with the same grouping as the term project. The objective is to allow students to discuss and work out your responses to assigned questions on the case studies and present your views to the class.

Points to Note:

1. ***Attendance:*** For weeks with no project presentations, students must not miss more than 2 classes without valid reasons. Absence during weeks with project presentations ***must be*** accompanied by valid reasons. ***Violators will be heavily penalized.***
2. No class participation marks can be awarded when a student is absent regardless of reasons. No recalibration of marks is allowed.
3. ***CA Attendance:*** Students who miss a CA component without valid reasons will receive zero marks for the particular component. Absentees with valid reasons may be given a substitute form of assessment.
4. Students are encouraged to give ***feedback*** to the instructor with comments and suggestions that may help the class to learn better.
5. Please use ***NUS e-mail*** for e-mail communications.
6. Students are to check Canvas and emails regularly for ***announcements***.
7. Students should help to create a conducive learning environment, including complying with instructions given and announcements made during the semester in a timely manner. ***Students who fail to do so will be penalized***.

Note from the Undergraduate Office:

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Academic integrity and honesty is essential for the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. The University and School expect every student to uphold academic integrity & honesty at all times. Academic dishonesty is any misrepresentation with the intent to deceive, or failure to acknowledge the source, or falsification of information, or inaccuracy of statements, or cheating at examinations/tests, or inappropriate use of resources.

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Online Module on Plagiarism:
http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/

Lesson Schedule (Tentative):

Week	Week Starting	Topic and Activity
1	Aug 13	Financial Markets and Institutions
2	Aug 20	Financial Markets and Institutions Commercial Banks
3	Aug 27	Commercial Banks
4	Sept 3	Payment Systems
5	Sept 10	Payment Systems
6	Sept 17	The Equity Markets
		Term Break
7	Oct 1	The Equity Markets
8	Oct 8	The Debt Market Term Test I
9	Oct 15	The Debt Market Guest Speaker
10	Oct 22	Crises: Malfunctioning of Financial Systems
11	Oct 29	Crises: Malfunctioning of Financial Systems
12	Nov 5	Project Presentations
13	Nov 12	Project Presentations Term Test II