

MATH 632 - Mathematical Finance in Industry

MW 6:40 - 8:00 PM, Room: HILL 705

[Course website](#)

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Office Hours: MTh 3:00 - 4:30 pm and by appointment.

Textbook:

1. John Hull : Options, Futures and Other Derivatives, 10th edition
2. John Hull : Risk Management and Financial Institutions (Wiley finance), 5th edition

Reference:

1. P. Wilmott. Frequently asked questions in quantitative finance. John Wiley & Sons, 2010.
2. M.S. Joshi, N. Denson and A. Downes. Quant Job Interview: Questions and Answers. CreateSpace, 2008
3. Kuznetsov. The complete guide to capital markets for Quantitative Professionals. McGraw Hill Professional, 2007.

Course Objectives: The goal of the course is to introduce the students to an overall picture of the financial markets, their main features, products and operations. Risk and risk management will also be a main component in the course. The connection between quantitative methods and models to their actual usage in the financial world will be emphasized. The course will cover most of the material in "Options, Futures and other Derivatives" by John Hull (Pearson, 2015) and "Risk Management and Financial Institutions" by John Hull (Wiley, 2015)

Course Outline:

Please note that this is a tentative outline. As the course progresses, we may adjust the pace and / or the material if necessary. It may be that we do not cover the last few topics. There will also be additional notes posted on the course website.

Week 1: Introduction to the financial market: financial institutions and their trading, insurance companies and pension plans, mutual funds and hedge funds, trading in financial markets

Week 2: Futures: mechanics of future markets, hedging strategies using futures, determination of forward and future prices

Week 3: Options I: mechanics of option markets, properties of stock options, trading strategies involving options. option pricing and modeling

Week 4: Options II: Options on stock indices and currencies, futures options, exotic options

Week 5: Interest rates: type of rates, measuring interest rates, interest rate models, forward rates, bond pricing, duration, convexity, interest rate futures

Week 6: Fixed income derivatives: options on bonds, bond forwards and futures, caplets, floorlets, swaps, swaptions

Week 7: Valuation and scenario analysis: the risk neutral and real worlds, risk neutral evaluation, scenario analysis, when both worlds have to be used, the calculations in practice, martingales and measures, numeraire and change of numeraire

Week 8: Hedging and volatility: The Greeks, Implied volatility and the volatility surface, pricing derivatives using the volatility surface, the realities of hedging, hedging exotic options

Week 9: VaR and volatility: definition of VaR, VaR and capital, coherent risk measures, implied volatility, historical volatility, ARCH, GARCH

Week 10: Credit risk: credit ratings, credit risk in derivative transactions, default correlation, credit VaR, credit derivatives: CDS and CDO

Week 11: Historical simulation, model building approach, model building vs historical simulation

Week 12: Scenario analysis and stress testing, operational risk, liquidity risk, model risk

Week 13: Risk management: managing credit risk, margin, OTC markets, estimating default probabilities, CVA and DVA, enterprise risk management

Week 14: The financial crisis of 2007-2008 (and other crises): the role of structured credit and risk managements, contagions, roles of incentives and importance of transparency, lessons learned, regulations before and after the crisis

Grade Breakdown:

Homework: 20 %

Attendance and participation : 20 %

Midterm project: 30 %

Final project : 30 %

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Extra help: All students are strongly encouraged to come to my office hours to discuss homework problems or any aspect of the course. I am also available by appointments if the office hours do not fit into your schedule. Sending me emails regarding your questions is also an excellent way to get a prompt response.

University Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend classes regularly, according

to what is stated in <http://sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/academics/courses/registration-and-course-policies/attendance-and-cancellation-of-class>

Important Dates:

Midterm project assigned Oct 23, 2019
Midterm project due Nov 7, 2019
Midterm project assigned Dec 5th, 2019
Final project due Dec 20th, 2019 by 5pm

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Student-Wellness Services:

Just In Case Web App

<http://codu.co/cee05e>

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

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(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

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If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>.

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