

Syllabus

for course at first level

Finance I

Finansiering I

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

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Department: Stockholm Business School

Main field: Företagsekonomi
Specialisation: G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was established by the head of of Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Swedish upper secondary school courses English B, Mathematics C and Social Sciences A or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1103	Finance I	7.5

Course content

The ability to assess the value of investments and financial assets, and thus the ability to discuss decisions, is an important aspect of business administration. FIN-I deals with quantitative methods in order to carry out this assessment.

The course covers basic investment appraisal and simple evaluation of businesses and financial assets (e.g. stocks), taking into account the value of money at different times. In addition to lectures, the course comprises voluntary accounting exercises and voluntary group exercises to be completed according to specific instructions. The course is examined on the basis of a written, individual examination. The final examination may also include assignments in the form of continuous preparation for and participation in the course's group exercises.

The course also covers issues concerning sustainability in finance. An expert from the industry gives a guest lecture on the subject. Also, a mini-case/problem dealing with sustainability is part of the seminar work.

The overall aim of the course is to introduce students to basic concepts and quantitative methods that can be used to discuss and solve problems relating to investment appraisal and financial management in businesses and other organisations.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Demonstrate ability to identify and define basic concepts and methods used to assess the profitability of investment projects.
2. Demonstrate ability to identify and define basic concepts and methods of financing, such as risk analysis, portfolio theory, options, stocks, and bonds.

Skills and abilities

3. Demonstrate ability to apply and perform calculations on the basis of different types of valuation models and other financial models.

Judgement and approach

4. Demonstrate ability to evaluate information from quantitative decision models in relation to other conditions of importance, for example sustainability, to a company's decisions on matters relating to investment.
5. Demonstrate ability to combine different financial models for making financial decisions.

Education

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and group work, and requires a significant portion of self-study on the part of students.

The language of instruction is English.

Teaching takes place on campus, supplemented with digital resources with the intention of generating the highest possible educational quality.

For more detailed course information, see the study guide, published on the learning platform no later than one month before the course commences.

Forms of examination

a) Forms of examination

Assessment for the course will be continuous and is carried throughout the different course activities. Each assessment task is weighted in relation to its importance in the overall assessment of the course. The student's results from the different assessment tasks are added up to a total course score that will then translate into the final grade for the course.

Assessment tasks

The course contains the following weighted assessment tasks:

1. Individual final examination: assesses intended learning outcomes 1–5; constitutes 75% of total course points.
2. Assessment task 2, MCQ-test, part 1: assesses intended learning outcomes 1, 3; constitutes 10% of total course points.
3. Assessment task 3, MCQ-test, part 2: assesses intended learning outcomes 2, 3; constitutes 10% of total course points.
4. Assessment task 4, seminars: assesses intended learning outcomes 1–5; constitutes 5% of total course points.

The examination is conducted in English.

For students who have a certificate from Stockholm University with a recommendation for special educational support, the examiner can decide to adapt the teaching, give an adapted test or let the student complete the test in an alternative way.

b) Grading scale

Grading takes place according to a criterion-referenced seven-point grading scale:

A = Excellent
B = Very good
C = Good
D = Satisfactory
E = Sufficient
Fx = Failed, some more work required
F = Failed, much more work required

c) Grading and assessment criteria

Grading criteria

The course's grading criteria are designed as overall assessments, combined qualitative descriptions of what the student is expected to do in order to demonstrate how well the course's learning outcomes are achieved. A higher grade-level presupposes the abilities at lower levels.

A (Excellent)

The student demonstrates ability to evaluate and relate to the content of the course from a comprehensive, critically reflective perspective, as well as to transfer and apply insights in new, meaningful contexts.

B (Very Good)

The student demonstrates ability to, from an overarching and coherent perspective of the field, understand and use concepts to explain how different aspects of the course relate to each other, interconnect and become meaningful.

C (Good)

The student demonstrates ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course from several well-developed but mainly independent perspectives.

D (Satisfactory)

The student demonstrates satisfactory ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course in a way that, albeit in-depth and elaborate, is decidedly one-dimensional.

E (Sufficient)

The student demonstrates sufficient ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course in a way that is decidedly one-dimensional.

Fx (Fail)

The student's knowledge, skills and abilities display minor flaws, overall or in significant parts.

F (Fail)

The student's knowledge, skills and abilities display major flaws, overall or in significant parts.

Assessment criteria

The course's assessment criteria, which serve as support for the assessment of the course's assessment tasks, are announced at the start of the course.

d) Final grade

The course comprises 0–100 course points. A passing grade (A–E) in the course requires that all learning outcomes are met, 50 course points and at least 50 points on assessment task 1.

The scale for the final grade is tied to fixed score intervals: A: 90–100; B: 80–89; C: 70–79; D: 60–69; E: 50–59; Fx: 45–49; F: 0–44. The grades correspond to the total course points a student obtains (over a total of 100) for all the weighted assessment tasks combined as part of the continuous assessment for the course. Current rounding rules are applied (0,5–0,9 course points are rounded up to the nearest higher, full course point).

Each assessment task is awarded 0–100 points. The points from an individual assessment task are multiplied

by its percentage weight, constituting its course points. The course points for all assessment tasks are summed up to a total score between 0 and 100 course points. The total score is translated into a corresponding grade A–F.

Assessment tasks 1, 2 & 3 are assessed on a 100-point scale.

Assessment task 4 is assessed on a 100-point scale in two intervals:

- Adequate: 50% = 100 points.
- Inadequate: less than 50% = 0 points.

For more information on how the assessment tasks are assessed, see the study guide.

The student is responsible for completing the course's assessment tasks and obtaining a passing grade. If a passing grade is not obtained, the student can re-sit assessment task 1. If at least 50 course points have been obtained, but not 50 points on an individual assessment task, the assessment task can be supplemented so that 50 points are achieved. Acquired course points are forfeited if a passing grade is not obtained at the semester's regular re-sit exam.

If 45–49 course points are achieved, a grade Fx is obtained. If less than 45 course points are achieved, a grade F is obtained.

Student who does not obtain a passing grade on the regular exam or the re-sit exam loses the course points obtained and is referred to re-register at a later course round.

Re-registration implies that:

- first-time registered student has priority access to the course's group registration;
- student can re-sit assessment task 1 without participation in the course's other learning activities.

If there are special reasons, the examiner may grant the student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain compulsory teaching or completion of compulsory parts. The student can then be assigned a compensation assignment.

Exemption from an assessment task is granted if the student presents a written certificate (e.g. a medical certificate), whereupon the student may re-sit the assessment task at a later date, and while maintaining previously acquired course points.

The application for exemption should be submitted to the director of studies immediately after, or during planned absences well before the date when the assessment task is carried out. A granted exemption expires at the end of the immediately following semester.

e) Failed grades

For each course instance, two examination opportunities are normally offered. If during an academic year, a course instance is missing, at least one examination instance is offered.

A student who has received the grade F on an examination twice in a row by one and the same examiner have the right to have another examiner appointed at the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. The request is made to the director of studies.

A student who has received a passing grade on an examination may not retake the examination or complete a previously not completed assessment task to achieve a higher grade. A passing grade cannot be changed to a failing grade at the student's request.

Assessment tasks which are not submitted on time are.... select not assessed or assessed with maximum xx points.... or remove this sentence.

f) Supplementary assignments

Opportunity to supplement the grade Fx up to a passing grade is not allowed on this course.

Interim

If the course is discontinued, or its contents are substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

Course literature and other teaching materials are specified on the course's webpage no later than two months prior to the course commences.