BFIN 3034: Corporate Finance Seminar 3  
Spring 2016

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Times and Places: 4:00-6:00pm, M and W, 270 Mervis Hall, 3/21-4/20 (No class on 3/28)

Course Description
This course is part of a sequence of courses in corporate finance. The objective of this course is to provide you with exposure to an area of research that encompasses elements of both industrial organization (IO) and corporate finance. Most of the papers that we will discuss generally examine the interaction between a firm’s real decisions (historically the purview of IO) and a firm’s financial decisions (historically the purview of financial economists). A few topics of related interest will round out the course.

Each two-hour session will cover two or three papers. You should be prepared to discuss each paper in detail, including (but not limited to) the paper’s motivation, critical assumptions, methodology, and primary findings. You should also be prepared to evaluate how each paper relates to other papers in the literature and how each paper fits with the other papers discussed in the class. Finally, you should be prepared to discuss possible extensions of the papers.

Course Grades and Due Dates
Course grades will be determined by the quality of:

- presentations of papers and contributions to class discussion (20%)
- a written synopsis of a group of assigned papers and review of a new related paper (20%)
- completion/presentation of term papers from corporate seminars 1, 2, & 3 (25%),
- a final exam (35%).

The synopsis and paper comments are due on April 8th at 12:00pm EDT. The papers for this assignment are listed below.

Term papers are due on Friday May 6th at 5:00pm EDT. Papers will be presented and discussed in a conference-style format on Wednesday May 11th beginning at 1:00pm in 114 Mervis Hall. Papers will be distributed to the finance faculty and PhD students and the presentations will be open to all who would like to attend.

The papers that we will cover are listed below.
Meeting 1:


Meeting 2:


Meeting 3:


Meeting 4:


Meeting 5:


Meeting 6:


Meeting 7:


Meeting 8:


Meeting 9:


Written synopsis of papers and review of a new related paper (due April 8th at 12:00pm EDT):

Papers for synopsis:


Paper to review: