New York University  Tandon School of Engineering  
Department of Finance and Risk Engineering  
Course Outline FRE 6123  
Financial Risk Management  
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Lecture periods: 2.5 hours  
Laboratory periods: 0 hours  
Recitation periods: 0 hours

Course Description:

This course introduces the techniques and problems of Financial Risk Management and Asset Pricing. It emphasizes risk finance and attitudes; Value at Risk; risk measurement principles; valuation and expected utility and their relevance in the valuation and the pricing of financial investments; insurance; management of derivatives; and risk management. Throughout, risk-management application problems are explored. The course introduces and focuses on the fundamental principles of the Arrow-Debreu state preference theory used to price derivatives and other assets in complete markets. Risk neutral-Binomial models in option pricing; essential elements of Ito calculus; and the Black-Scholes model for pricing options are introduced and applied to practical financial decision making and risk management problems. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

Course Structure

This course will be delivered through a series of lectures, followed by a question and answer session and a discussion.

Readings

A set of notes and a list of recommended books and articles will be distributed weekly through NYU classes. In addition, there are two mandatory textbooks for this course:

1. GARP:
   a. Market Risk;
   b. Credit Risk;
   c. Operational Risk
   d. ALM
2. Jon Gregory, Counterparty Credit Risk, The New Challenge for Global Financial Markets,

Course requirements

Students will be expected to read materials ahead of course meetings to participate actively in class and also be prepared to discuss assignments in class. They are also required to hand weekly Homework assignments in.

Grading:

10% Homework (weekly assignments)  
40% Midterm Examination, October 25th, 2018  
50% Final Examination, December 20th 2018
Syllabus

Market Risk Measurement and Management
- Risk on Single Instrument; Duration and convexity; Key rate duration
- Stock risk and beta value
- Option risk: Delta; Vega; Gamma; Theta; Rho
- Volatility and Correlation
- Assumptions using volatilities and correlations
  Simple Moving Average Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA)
  GARCH-methods
- Value at Risk and Expected Shortfall

Credit Risk Measurement and Management
Operational Risk Management including Model Risk
Bank Capital Management
- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) ; Asset Liability Management
- Risk-adjusted return on capital (RAROC)

Risk Management for the Buy Side
Risk Management for Nonfinancial Corporations

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