

# EC247 Financial Instruments and Capital Markets

## Introduction

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# Outline

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- Lectures and classes
  - Topics
  - Assessment
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# Lectures and Classes

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## ➤ Lectures

- Lecture 1: Tuesday, 13:00 - 13:50 in LTB 08
- Lecture 2: Wednesday, 11:00 - 11:50 in LTB 08

## ➤ Classes (weeks 3-11)

- There are four classes: one class every Friday ; Three classes every Thursday
- You have been allocated to attend one class.
- Attendance taken once per week.
- Lectures build a thorough background for your studies.
- Classes: exercises, review, etc.

## ➤ Main textbook

- Frederic S. Mishkin and Stanley G. Eakins, *Financial Markets and Institutions*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2012 (6<sup>th</sup> Edition is also appropriate).
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# EC 247 Topics

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1. The financial system.
  2. Interest rates: theory and structure.
  3. The money market.
  4. The bond Market.
  5. The equity and mortgage market.
  6. The foreign exchange market.
  7. Financial futures.
  8. Options and swaps.
  9. The financial institutions.
  10. Regulation.
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# Assessment

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- Final Examination: 2 hours, next May/June.
  - Term paper deadline: **Friday, 20 January 2012, 12:00hrs mid-day**
  
  - Aggregate mark: maximum of:
    1. 0.5 final exam mark + 0.5 term paper mark
    2. final exam mark alone
  
  - Formative assessment:  
Multiple choice test held on **Tuesday 29 November 2011** (Week 9) at **17:00** in LTB02 at 17:00hrs
  
  - University requirement: coursework is compulsory
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# Recommended reading strategy

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- Attend lectures and classes.
  - Study the assigned reading.
  - Attempt each week's exercises.
  - Write a term paper.
  - Check your understanding in the multiple choice test.
  - You are going to do well.
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