

Capital University of Economics and Business

Overseas Chinese College

Course Syllabus

Year and Semester	Fall 2025						
Course Name	Equity Investment and Portfolio Management						
Course Code	CFA305						
Course Type	☐ General Education (Required) ☐ General Education (Elective) ☐ Basic Disciplinary Course ☐ Professional Course (Required) ☒ Professional Course (Elective) ☐ Professional Course (Expanded) ☐ Professional Course (Advanced)						
Course Credits	4						
Course Hours	Total Hours	Class	68	Lecture Hours	68	Experiment (Computer) Hours	0
Applicable object	☐ Freshman ☒ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior						
	☐ Business Administration (Accounting)						
	☒ Information Management and Information Systems (Finance)						
Prerequisites	Principal of Accounting						
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Learning Centre	T 13:30-15:05, W 18:00-20:00 (online);						
Grade/Section	2024CFA						
Course Time/Place	T 15:25-17:00 B112, F 13:30-5:05 BX210;						
Textbook	Schweser Notes, 2025 Level I CFA, Kaplan Inc. USA Book 2: Equity Investments, Book 4: Portfolio Management						

Reference Book

1. CFA Institute, Equity Investments, Portfolio Management, CFA Program Curriculum, 2025, Wiley Press, USA
2. Frank K. Reilly, et al. Analysis of Investments and Management of Portfolio, 10th Edition, China Machine Press, Beijing, ISBN: 978-7-111-43864-9
3. Zvi Bodie et al. Investments, 10th Edition, China Machine Press, Beijing, ISBN: 978-7-111-58160-4

Course Description

This course aims to equip students with the essential knowledge of equity securities analysis and basic principles of portfolio management, and to help students develop knowledge and skills required of a financial analyst. The course covers the fundamentals of equity investments and portfolio management. Key areas include types of equity investments, market organization and structure of security markets, and security market indexes; market efficiency, basic tools for equity valuation, introduction to industry and company analysis. It also involves modern portfolio theory, portfolio risk and return measures, and basics of portfolio planning and construction, the behavioral biases of individuals, introduction to risk management.

Student Learning Objectives

On successful completion of this exam, candidates should be able to:

Knowledge	◆ Describe equity market organization and structure; ◆ Explain and calculate security market indexes; ◆ Describe various types of equity securities, as well as industry and company analysis; ◆ Explain the concept of a portfolio approach to investment; ◆ Describe behavioral biases of individuals;
Capability	◆ Discuss different forms of market efficiency and the implications for investment analysis; ◆ Apply basic equity valuation models to estimate equity values; ◆ Discuss various measures of portfolio risk and return;
Mindset	◆ Act with integrity, respect, and in an ethical manner in the finance field; ◆ Be independent and diligent in the investment process; ◆ Strive to improve professional knowledge and competence; ◆ Apply critical thinking in the process of decision making.

Website Source

1. [http:// www.sse.com.cn](http://www.sse.com.cn) Shanghai Stock Exchange
2. <http://www.szse.cn/> Shenzhen Stock Exchange
3. <https://www.hkex.com.hk/> Hong Kong Exchanges
4. <https://www.nyse.com/index> New York Stock Exchange
5. <https://www.londonstockexchange.com/> London Stock Exchange
6. <http://www.csrc.gov.cn/pub/newsite/> China Securities Regulatory Commission
7. <https://finance.sina.com.cn/>

Teaching Methods

This course contains lectures, class discussions, homework, quizzes, presentation and exams. Textbook content will be introduced first. Then real case and practice questions will be delivered to students as a way to test their understanding of the knowledge. This will require individual or group assignment in or after class.

Grade Criterion

Component	Weight	Description
Final Exam	20%	A cumulative final examination will be given based on all of the contents of the class. The exam paper may be composed of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions, problems. Students should rely primarily on homework assignments to give them a sense of what they may see for material on exams.
Mid-Term Test	20%	A cumulative midterm test will be given based on all of the contents that have been taught in class. The test paper may be mainly composed of multiple-choice questions and it should be completed within 45 minutes in class.

Homework	15%	Most of the assigned homework is taken from the Exercises in the textbook. Assignments will be collected at the clearly stated date. Late assignments will not be accepted. The graded assignments will be kept by the tutor for reference and won't be returned to students.
Quizzes	15%	There will be at least 2 quizzes during the semester. Quizzes may or may not be announced in advance. It may also be used as a way to check the attendance. Quizzes will test your knowledge of both concepts and the application of those concepts.
Presentation	10%	The students will be divided into several groups to prepare a presentation. Each student is required to be involved in the presentation. The topics can be selected from the textbook or lectures or course related materials. Each group needs to finish a PPT related to the topic which is given, and hand in the related resources to the teacher before the presentation.
Participation	10%	Individuals will be asked to participate individually in a question and answer at least 5 times during the semester. The performances should be counted in their participation.
Attendance	10%	Refer to attendance policy listed below
Total	100%	

Detailed Grade Computation

	Before Midterm	After Midterm
Attendance	5%	5%
Participation	5%	5%
Homework	5%	10%
Quizzes	5%	10%
Presentation		10%
Mid-Term Test	20%	
Final exam		20%
Total	40%	60%

Assessment of Student Performance

☛ Self-Study and Reading ability Practice

Instructor will give out the chapters or the reference books to read and use class hours to have discussion; students should be able to show a proactive attitude and ability for self-study and reading. Knowledge and oral English will be elements of homework or presentation score.

☛ Homework

Students should finish their homework by themselves. Copying from others will be treated as cheating and the homework scores will be lowered. Students should hand in all assignments on time. Late assignments will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor (i.e., when the student was ill or had an excused absence). Late assignments without reasonable proof will be reduced in score by 50%.

☛ Attendance

Because the course covers a great deal of material, attending every class session is very important for performing well.

- ♦ Being late for 15 minutes or more is considered an absence.
- ♦ Five hours or above of unexcused absences will result in the lower level of the final grade by one grade band (e.g. from C – to D +). Any excused absence must be discussed directly with the teacher.
- ♦ Absence which is more than 1/3 of the total teaching hours will cause an F (a failing grade) directly. but students are welcome to continue attending classes.
- ♦ An incomplete grade (I) will be considered in case of medical or family emergencies.

Participation

- ♦ Students should participate in classes actively. Half of participation grade is determined by their presentation in class. They are encouraged to ask questions relevant to the subject and express their own opinions. Every student should respect the ideas, opinions, and questions of their classmates.
- ♦ Students should also use office hours to ask questions or talk with the instructor for good communication and effective learning.
- ♦ Frequent visiting the instructor and chatting in English during office hours is highly recommended.
- ♦ Any misbehavior and non-class related activities in class will result in the lower level of the participation grade, including ringing cell phones.
- ♦ All above behaviors will be solely evaluated by the instructor for scoring.

Textbook

Students must bring the textbook to class.

Topical Course Outline (original)

Week	Topics	Platform	Homework
1	● Syllabus ● Course introduction <u>Section One: Equity Investments</u> ● Reading 1# Market Organization and Structure Module 1 Markets, Assets, And Intermediaries a: Explain the main functions of the financial system b: Describe classifications of assets and markets. c: Describe the major types of financial securities d: Describe types of financial intermediaries and services that they provide	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	
2	Module 2 Positions And Leverage e: Compare positions an investor can take in an asset f: Calculate and interpret the leverage ratio, the rate of return on a margin transaction, and the security price at which the investor would receive a margin call. Module 3 Order Execution and Validity g: Compare execution, validity, and clearing instructions. h: Compare market orders with limit orders.	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 1
3	i: Define primary and secondary markets and explain how secondary markets support primary markets j: Describe how securities, contracts, and currencies are traded in quote driven, order-driven, and brokered markets	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat	

	k: Describe characteristics of a well-functioning financial system l: Describe objectives of market regulation ● Reading 2# Security Market Indexes Module 1 Index Weighting Methods a: Describe a security market index b: Calculate and interpret the value, price return, and total return of an index c: Describe the choices and issues in index construction and management d: Compare the different weighting methods used in index construction	group	
4	e: Calculate and analyze the value and return of an index given its weighting method Module 2 Uses And Types of Indexes f: Describe rebalancing and reconstitution of an index g: Describe uses of security market indexes h: Describe types of equity indexes --National Day Holiday	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 2
5	--National Day Holiday i: Compare types of security market indexes j: Describe types of fixed-income indexes k: Describe indexes representing alternative investments		
6	● Reading 3# Market Efficiency a: Describe market efficiency and related concepts, including their importance to investment practitioners b: Contrast market value and intrinsic value c: Explain factors that affect a market's efficiency d: Contrast weak-form, semi-strong-form, and strong-form market efficiency. e: Explain the implications of each form of market efficiency for fundamental analysis, technical analysis, and the choice between active and passive portfolio management f: Describe market anomalies g: Describe behavioral finance and its potential relevance to understanding market anomalies ● Reading 4# Overview Of Equity Securities Module 1 Types of Equity Investments a: Describe characteristics of types of equity securities b: Describe differences in voting rights and other ownership characteristics among different equity classes c: Compare and contrast public and private equity securities Module 2 Foreign Equity and Equity Risk d: Describe methods for investing in non-domestic equity securities e: Compare the risk and return characteristics of different types of equity securities f: Explain the role of equity securities in the financing of a company's assets g: Contrast the market value and book value of equity securities h: Compare a company's cost of equity, its (accounting) return on equity, and investors' required rates of return	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 3, Homework for Reading 4
7	● Reading 5# Company Analysis: Past and Present Module 1 Company Research Reports a: Describe the elements that should be covered in a thorough company research report	Classroom,	Homework for Reading 5

	b: Determine a company's business model Module 2 Revenue, Profitability, and Capital c: Evaluate a company's revenue and revenue drivers, including pricing power d: Evaluate a company's operating profitability and working capital using key measures e: Evaluate a company's capital investments and capital structure ● Reading 6# Industry and Competitive Analysis Module 1 Industry Analysis a: Describe the purposes of, and steps involved in, industry and competitive analysis b: Describe industry classification methods and compare methods by which companies can be grouped c: Determine an industry's size, growth characteristics, profitability, and market share trends Module 2 Industry Structure and Competitive Positioning d: Analyze an industry's structure and external influences using Porter's Five Forces and PESTLE frameworks e: Evaluate the competitive strategy and position of a company	Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 6
8	● Reading 7# Company Analysis: Forecasting Module 1 Forecasting In Company Analysis a: Explain principles and approaches to forecasting a company's financial results and position b: Explain approaches to forecasting a company's revenues c: Explain approaches to forecasting a company's operating expenses and working capital d: Explain approaches to forecasting a company's capital investments and capital structure. e: Describe the use of scenario analysis in forecasting ● Reading 8# Equity valuation: Concepts and Basic Tools Module 1 Dividends, Splits, and Repurchases a: Evaluate whether a security, given its current market price and a value estimate, is overvalued, fairly valued, or undervalued by the market b: Describe major categories of equity valuation models c: Describe regular cash dividends, extra dividends, stock dividends, stock splits, reverse stock splits, and share repurchases d: Describe dividend payment chronology	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 7
9	Module 2 Dividend Discount Models e: Explain the rationale for using present value models to value equity and describe the dividend discount and free cash flow to equity models f: Calculate the intrinsic value of a non-callable, non-convertible preferred stock g: Calculate and interpret the intrinsic value of an equity security based on the Gordon (constant) growth dividend discount model or a two-stage dividend discount model, as appropriate h: Identify characteristics of companies for which the constant growth or a multistage dividend discount model is appropriate Module 3 Relative Valuation Measures i: Explain the rationale for using price multiples to value equity j: Calculate and interpret the multiples: price to earnings, price to an	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 8

	estimate of operating cash flow, price to sales, and price to book value		
10	k: Describe enterprise value multiples and their use in estimating equity value. l: Describe asset-based valuation models and their use in estimating equity value m: Explain advantages and disadvantages of each category of valuation model. ● Midterm Test	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 8
11	<u>Section Two: Portfolio Management</u> ● Reading 9# Portfolio Risk and Return: Part I Module 1: Historical Risk and Returns a. describe characteristics of the major asset classes that investors consider in forming portfolios. Module 2: Risk Aversion b. explain risk aversion and its implications for portfolio selection. c. explain the selection of an optimal portfolio, given an investor's utility (or risk aversion) and the capital allocation line. Module 3: Portfolio Standard Deviation d. Calculate and interpret the mean, variance, and covariance (or correlation) of asset returns based on historical data. e. calculate and interpret portfolio standard deviation. Module 4: The Efficient Frontier f. describe the effect on a portfolio's risk of investing in assets that are less than perfectly correlated. g. describe and interpret the minimum-variance and efficient frontiers of risky assets and the global minimum-variance portfolio.	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 9
12	● Reading 10# Portfolio Risk And Return: Part II Module 1: Systematic Risk and Beta a: Describe the implications of combining a risk-free asset with a portfolio of risky assets b: Explain the capital allocation line (CAL) and the capital market line (CML) c: Explain systematic and nonsystematic risk, including why an investor should not expect to receive additional return for bearing nonsystematic risk d: Explain return generating models (including the market model) and their uses	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	
13	e: Calculate and interpret beta Module 2: The CAPM and the SML f: Explain the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), including its assumptions, and the security market line (SML) g: Calculate and interpret the expected return of an asset using the CAPM h: Describe and demonstrate applications of the CAPM and the SML i: Calculate and interpret the Sharpe ratio, Treynor ratio, M2, and Jensen's alpha	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 10
14	● Reading 11# Portfolio Management: An Overview Module 1: Portfolio Management Process a: Describe the portfolio approach to investing b: Describe the steps in the portfolio management process c: Describe types of investors and distinctive characteristics and needs of each	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat group	Homework for Reading 11

	d: Describe defined contribution and defined benefit pension plans Module 2: Asset Management and Pooled Investments e: Describe aspects of the asset management industry f: Describe mutual funds and compare them with other pooled investment products		
15	●Reading 12# Basics of Portfolio Planning and Construction a: Describe the reasons for a written investment policy statement (IPS) b: Describe the major components of an IPS c: Describe risk and return objectives and how they may be developed for a client d: Explain the difference between the willingness and the ability (capacity) to take risk in analyzing an investor's financial risk tolerance e: Describe the investment constraints and their implications for the choice of portfolio assets. f: Explain the specification of asset classes in relation to asset allocation. g: Describe the principles of portfolio construction and the role of asset allocation in relation to the IPS h: Describe how environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations may be integrated into portfolio planning and construction ●Reading 13# The behavioral Biases of Individuals Module 1: Cognitive Errors vs. Emotional Biases a: Compare and contrast cognitive errors and emotional biases b: Discuss commonly recognized behavioral biases and their implications for financial decision making Module 2: Emotional Biases c: Describe how behavioral biases of investors can lead to market characteristics that may not be explained by traditional finance ●Reading 14# Introduction to Risk Management a: Define risk management b: Describe features of a risk management framework c: Define risk governance and describe elements of effective risk governance d: Explain how risk tolerance affects risk management e: Describe risk budgeting and its role in risk governance f: Identify financial and non-financial sources of risk and describe how they may interact g: Describe methods for measuring and modifying risk exposures and factors to consider in choosing among the methods	Classroom, Xuexitong & Wechat groupsroom	Homework for Reading 12 Homework for Reading 13 Homework for Reading 14
16	Presentation	Classroom	
17	Revision	Classroom	

Note: Some chapters or sections may leave for self-study, this is the students' duty to learn and understand, they may also be included in the quizzes or exams. A review in Chinese may be held during L.C. and O.H. in the semester.

Teacher's Office Hour

- ♦The instructor's office hour is shown in the front of the office door.
- ♦Students are suggested to use the instructor's office hour and learning center to ask questions or talk with the instructor once at least per week for good communication and effective learning, which is recorded in the students' participation.
- ♦The time can be scheduled by instructors or students, or both.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating is not tolerated. Any student caught cheating on a quiz; test or exam will be given a mark of zero (0) for the particular work. At the beginning of the semester the definition of plagiarism will be carefully explained, when any thoughts or writings of another person are used, they must be clearly identified (usually one uses quotation marks) and the source notes. **If any student is caught cheating on any homework assignment, the highest score the student can earn in that course is a "C".**

Important Dates

Midterm Test	Week 9 or 10
Final Exam	Week 18 or 20 (Refer to the notice of the Academic Affairs Office)

***Note:** This syllabus is tentative and may be changed or modified throughout the semester. All students will be notified and a new syllabus will be given.*

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