

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Stock Markets

Information :

Course Code : ECO 305

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Economics

Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

- ÇProvide an overview of the theoretical and empirical introduction to selected issues in stock markets
- ÇDiscuss evidence, operations, risks and returns facing investors in the Stock Market.
- ÇDefining basic concepts (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds and GDRs knowing their types.
- ÇDifferentiate between fundamental and technical analysis.
- ÇExamine the Egyptian Stock market as a case study.

Description :

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Distinguish between different types of stocks and bonds. |
| 2 - | Describe the key roles of financial markets. |
| 3 - | Explain the valuation methodologies of different financial instruments. |
| 4 - | Differentiate between Fundamental and Technical Analysis. |

b.Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Analyze forces that determine prices of financial assets. |
| 2 - | Evaluate the risks faced by banks and non-banking financial institution. |
| 3 - | Analyze the domestic influence of fluctuations in national and international stock markets. |
| 4 - | Evaluate the link between the trends in the global financial markets to the domestic financial system. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Use the fundamental and technical analysis in investment decision.
2 -	Compute the risks and returns faced by financial institutions and individuals.
3 -	Apply the knowledge taken in a stock market simulation.
4 -	Demonstrate the real situation in the stock exchanges and take the investment decisions.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Improve analytical skills and figure out problems.
2 -	Apply Project management techniques and knowing how to take decisions.
3 -	Acquire communication Skills, as well as Critical Thinking.
4 -	Stress on teamwork skills and taking responsibility for one's work.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory lecture and course outline Basic Terminologies	3	1	
Primary versus secondary market	3	1	
Types of Stocks and Bonds	3	1	
Stocks Valuation	3	1	
Stock Market Operations and Market indices	3	1	
Fundamental Analysis	3	1	
Mid Term Exam		1	
Technical Analysis	6	2	
Risk and Return and investment approach on equity	6	2	
Portfolio Theory	3	1	
Stock Market in Egypt facing financial crisis.	3	1	
Stock Market Simulation	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures
Demonstration videos
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper)	30.00		To assess understanding and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.

Midterm Exam	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.
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Recommended books :

1. David S. Kidwell and David W. Blackwell, Financial Institutions, Markets, and Money, John Wiley and Sons Canada Limited, 2011.
2. Fredric S. Mishikan, The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Market (10th ed.) Update edition, 2013.
3. Larry Harris, Trading and Exchanges: Market Microstructure for Practitioners, Library of Congress, 2003.

Periodicals :

1. Andreas Billmeier and Isabella Massa, What Drives Stock Market Development in the Middle East and Central Asia? Institutions, Remittances, or Natural Resources?, IMF Working Paper, 2007.
2. Grant Thornton, Middle East: Towards Innovation and Transparency, Capital Markets Guide, 2008.
3. Ibrahim Onour, The Global Financial Crisis and Equity Markets in Middle East Oil Exporting Countries, 2009.
4. Sherif M. Manzalawy and Kami Rwegasira, The Practice of Earnings Management in the Middle East Emerging Stock Markets: Why and how is it done? A Case Study of Egypt, International Journal of Business and Commerce, Vol. 2, No.10, Jun 2013.

Web Sites :

1. <http://www.world-stock-exchanges.net/>
2. Tokyo Stock Exchange: <http://www.tse.or.jp/english/>
3. London Stock Exchange: <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/home/homepage.htm>
4. NASDAQ: <http://www.nasdaq.com/>
5. EFG Hermes: <https://www.hermesonline.com/OTS7/en/default.aspx>