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Course Readings:

1. Required text:

不理財也發財—我的幸福理財書，周行一著，天下文化出版  
HBS cases  
A reading packet prepared by the instructor

2. Reference text:

Investments, 8th ed., by Zvi Bodie, Alex Kane and Alan J. Marcus, Taiwan distributor: 華泰文化 (02) 2377-3877

You are encouraged to read:

A Random Walk Down Wall Street--Including A Life -cycle Guide to Personal Investing, by Burton G. Malkiel

Life 理財學，周行一著，天下文化出版

Asian Wall Street Journal, Economist, Investors Daily, Financial Times, 經濟日報，工商時報等

Description:

This course covers important topics in investment analysis. Much emphasis is on training the students to develop critical thinking ability in investment analysis and the formulation of investment strategy. The contents included are: investment process, asset allocation, asset selection decision, portfolio execution, performance evaluation, and corporate governance. The course is analytical in nature. Students should expect the course to be substantially more rigorous than its undergraduate counterparts. I expect you to have had basic knowledge of corporate finance, investments, economics, statistical analysis. An important part of class discussion is done through case studies.

## Requirements:

1. This semester has sixteen weeks of class meetings. The flow of our discussion will basically follow the schedule below. My objective is very simple: to make you an investor who can think critically based on solid academic background and broad common sense. I will be the one who leads the discussion in class. However, the class will be a seminar in nature. Therefore, I expect you to be very active in participating in the class discussion. A substantial part of your final grade (60%) will be determined by the quality of your participation, namely, the extent of your understanding of the class material, the quality of your discussion and the insight you provide to the class. You definitely will be called upon in each class to either discuss the class material or comment on a point in issue. You need to form work groups for all the work in this class. Each group consists of four to five students. You need to write a term paper for the class. The term paper can be either of two types. One, pick a topic related to the subjects covered in our class. Write a paper using empirical data or stylized facts to analyze the topic. Find a topic that is interesting for others to read. You are encouraged to have as much as originality in your paper. Two, a good case study is very much encouraged. In the fifth week you shall submit to me a one-page description of your topic. Please let me know why and how you are going to write the paper. In the sixth week we will discuss your proposal in class. Please prepare a five-minute presentation on your proposed topic for other students to comment on your proposal. In the final meetings of the semester you need to present your paper to the class. The presentation time is 15 minutes, no more and no less. The report needs to have the following components: your reasons to pick the subject, background information about the subject, your analysis, and conclusion. Data analysis is desirable but not required. However, empirical evidence is always useful, whether from literature or from your own analysis, for substantiating your conclusion.
2. On the day when we have a case study your case group has to turn in your answers to the case questions. I will randomly grade your report.
3. I reserve the right to have a final examination. If the students perform well during the semester, then the final examination will be waved.
4. Your final grade will be determined by the term paper (40%) and class participation and case reports (60%).

## Course outline

1. Lecture and discussion: Introduction and get acquainted: the investment process  
不理財也發財—我的幸福理財書，周行一著，天下文化出版
2. Lecture and discussion: Financial Planning and investment process  
不理財也發財—我的幸福理財書，周行一著，天下文化出版  
Chen, Ibbotson, Milevsky & Zhu FAJ  
Bodie & Crane FAJ
3. Case study: investment banking business and global financial crisis  
Case: Investment banking in 2008 (A): Rise and fall of the Bear (KEL378)

- Case: Investment banking in 2008 (B): A brave new world (KEL380)
4. Case study: Risk and return analysis  
Case: Beta Management Company (9-292-122)  
Holton FAJ, Siegel FAJ  
Mera FAJ  
Ibbotson & Chen FAJ  
周行一 & 黃寬彥 WP
  5. Case study: Asset allocation  
Case: Investment Policy at the Hewlett Foundation (2005) (5-206-114)  
Clarke, Silve and Murdock FAJ  
Perold and Sharpe FAJ  
Remember to turn in your term paper proposal.
  6. Discuss your term paper proposals
  7. Case study: International investment and exchange rate risk  
Case: Innocents Abroad: Currencies and International Stock Returns (5-206-012)
  8. Case study: Market efficiency and investment strategy  
Case: Dimensional Fund Advisors, 2002 (9-203-026)  
Scowcroft & Sefton FAJ  
Chow, Hsiao & Solt JBFA  
Gastineau JPM  
Hegde & McDermott JBF
  9. Case Study: Security design and selection  
Case: Corning: Convertible Preferred Stock (9-206-018)
  10. Case study: Fixed income analysis and behavioral finance  
Case: Washington Mutual's covered bonds (9-209-093)
  11. Case study: Private equity and investment analysis  
Case: Tad O'Malley: The investment conundrum (9-808-125)
  12. Case study: Implementation efficiency  
Case: BEA Associates: Enhanced Equity Index Fund (9-293-204)  
Ball, Kothari and Wasley JPM  
Hill and Naviwala JPM
  13. Case study: Corporate governance and investment  
Case: Milking Money out of Parmalat, Francesca Toninato, 2005 (0-305-041, IES119)  
凱倫·迪隆 (Karen Dillon) , 高層薪酬誰說了算? The coming battle over executive pay , 哈佛商業評論全球繁體中文版, 2009年9月號, 118-127頁。  
Marcuikaityte, Szewczyk, Uzun & Varma FAJ  
Choosing Managers and Funds (Baierl & Chen JPM)
  14. Case study: Financial ethics  
Case: Conflicts on a Trading Floor (A) (9-394-060)
  15. Term paper presentation
  16. Term paper presentation

I may invite speakers to give talks to you. To be announced.

FAJ: Financial Analyst Journal  
JPM: Journal of Portfolio Management  
WP: Working paper  
HO: Hand-out  
FM: Financial Management  
JF: Journal of Finance  
JBFA: Journal of Business, Finance and Accounting  
JBF: Journal of Banking and Finance  
JWM: Journal of Wealth Management