




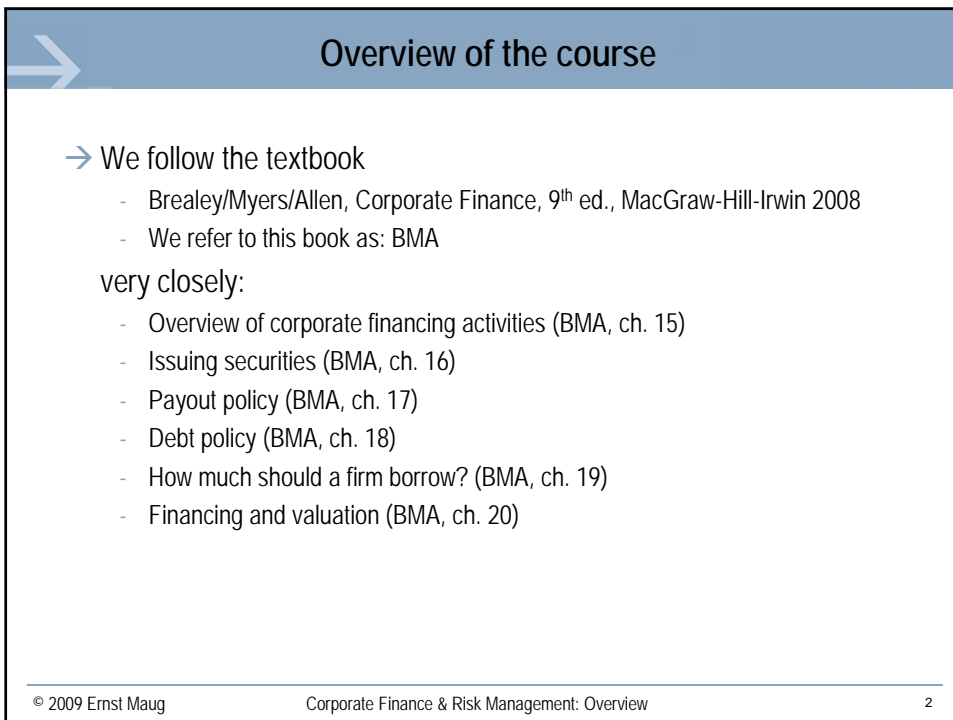
Corporate Finance & Risk Management

01 Introduction

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Overview of the course


→ We follow the textbook

- Brealey/Myers/Allen, Corporate Finance, 9th ed., MacGraw-Hill-Irwin 2008
- We refer to this book as: BMA

very closely:

- Overview of corporate financing activities (BMA, ch. 15)
- Issuing securities (BMA, ch. 16)
- Payout policy (BMA, ch. 17)
- Debt policy (BMA, ch. 18)
- How much should a firm borrow? (BMA, ch. 19)
- Financing and valuation (BMA, ch. 20)


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 **Syllabus**

→ The syllabus covers

- everything in chapters 15 to 20 in BMA
 - even if it was never mentioned in class!
- everything covered in class
 - even if it is not in the book

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 **Assessment**

→ Final grade consists of up to three components


- Online quizzes
- Voluntary midterm exam (closed-book)
- Final exam (closed-book)

→ Weighting of components

- Online quizzes make up 5% of the final grade
- Voluntary midterm exam counts:
 - 30% towards the final grade if midterm grade better than final exam grade
 - 0% if midterm grade worse than final exam grade
- Final exam makes up the residual 65% or 95% depending on the achievement in the voluntary midterm exam

→ **Important:** Above rules only apply to the first exam in December; the re-take exam in February 2012 counts for 100% of the final grade.

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 **Organisation**

→ All information about the course, its objectives & logistics, the assessment, dates, exercises, quizzes, etc. on our webpage


<http://cf.bwl.uni-mannheim.de/bachelor.html>

→ If the information you need is not on the webpage

fin401@corporate-finance-mannheim.de

(questions answered Monday to Friday)

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 **Organisation**

→ Lectures

- 1st part: Prof. E. Maug, Ph.D.
- 2nd part: Prof. Dr. S. Ruenzi

→ Three groups

- Tuesday 8.30 am – 10.00 am in M003 ("PwC-Hörsaal")
- Tuesday 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm in SN169 ("Röchling Hörsaal")
- Tuesday 1.45 pm – 3.15 pm in SN163 ("Lautenschläger-Hörsaal")

→ You should attend the session that you registered for

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Organisation

- Exercise sessions (in English and German, starting next week)
 - Organization: Knut Heen
 - **Registration period: Tue, Sept. 6, 5.00 pm to Thu, Sept. 8, 11.59 pm**
 - Support: support.fin401@corporate-finance-mannheim.de
 - Phone hotline on Thu, Sept. 8 10.00 am to 11.00 am: 0621 – 181 1771
 - Office hour from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm: L9, 1–2 4.06
- **Supplementary International Student Exercise**
 - in English, no substitute for general exercise sessions
 - Organization: Thomas Johann
 - No registration needed
 - Thursdays 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm in room O 142 (starting Sept. 15)

Learning Corporate Finance

A recommendation

1. Study textbook chapter *before* class
2. Take notes in class, *ask questions* on what you did not understand
3. Do “Concept review questions” at the end of the chapter
4. Prepare and take the online quizzes
5. Do practice questions and challenge questions at the end of the chapter
6. Prepare and attend the exercises
7. Still confused? *Ask questions* on the discussion board!



Questions?

- More extensive information
 - on the websites
 - and the *discussion board* on ILIAS
 - our top priority for answering questions
- Email:
 - lower priority
 - answers will be posted on discussion board with name
- ...or simply ask now!