The mission of the Graduate Institute of Finance and Banking is to explore and advance theories and models in financial research to cultivate competitive professionals with ethical integrity, innovative capabilities and international perspective to meet business and social needs in the global economy.

**Learning Goals** (goals covered by this course are indicated):

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**Instructor**

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**Course Description**

This class intends to provide students with knowledge of the most concurrent studies in finance and accounting areas through the academic talks of researchers from the prestigious institutions in the world.

**Readings**

Reading materials include all papers provided by seminar speakers.

**Grading Policy**

- Attendance & Participation: 30%
- Read-n-Write Assignment: 30%
- Research Presentation: 30%

**In-class Participation**

- Students should participate to the seminar by either answering questions or asking questions in all academic presentation.

**Read-n-Write Assignments**

- Students are expected to read the paper of the presenting speaker for each academic presentation, and write down the comments for the presenting article. The writing should be single spaced and must be more than 1 pages and no more than 3 page, and the word font should be 12-point Times New Roman.
The writing should consist of (1) motivation of the research and how it fits with the theory and empirical findings at the time (2) The tested hypothesis (3) discussion of the main findings, and (4) critics/comments to develop possible future research.

Students should submit the assignment to the course page on http://moodle.ncku.edu.tw by noon of the seminar talk. Please note that late submission is not allowed.

Students are allowed to skip this assignment for up to 3 times.

Research Presentation

Each student is expected to present their current research once this semester in any session when there is no scheduled presentation.

Students have to arrange their own presentation time with the instructor at least one week before the presentation date, and then the presenters should

- Inform all other students by email.
- Submit their presentation power point to the course page on http://moodle.ncku.edu.tw two days before the presentation date.
- Arrange and manage the classroom for presentation.