COMPETENCES AND SKILLS THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED AND LEARNING RESULTS.

This course introduces the student to International Financial Management. The course focuses on decision making in an international context and how financing and investment decisions change when a firm operates in more than one country. The course explores the international financial markets and currency parity conditions, including the relationship between spot and forward exchange rates, interest rates, and inflation rates. The course will also cover the role of derivatives in hedging risk in the international capital markets, as well as, the assessment and valuation of foreign investments.

After this course the student should be able to:

- Have a better understanding of the role of International Financial Management in a modern corporation
- Understand the accounting and risk issues raised by foreign operations
- Assess the role of financial derivatives to hedge risk in the international markets
- Analyze investment decisions in an international context

Methodology

The approach of the course is to treat International Financial Management as a natural and logical extension of the foundations and principles learned in Financial Management. Thus, it builds on and extends the valuation framework (NPV, IRR, Risk Diversification, Derivatives, etc.) learned in domestic Corporate Finance, whose previous basic knowledge will be an advantage during the course.

The methodology of the course includes both a general framework for analyzing international financial issues, understanding market data and the use of some specific quantitative simulators. The course highlights both theory and applications. Extensive use of cases and investment tools, presents the student with a challenging and real-life environment in which to apply decision-making skills in an international context.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Globalization and the foreign exchange markets
2. International Parity Conditions
3. Foreign exchange risk: Translation, transaction and operating exposure.
5. Foreign Direct Investment Assessment and Valuation. Political Risk.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

1. Attendance and Class Participation.
a. Class participation, Homework and/or Forex Simulator 20%.
2. Midterm exam: 30%
3. Final Exam: 50%.

% end-of-term-examination: 50
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY