**King Saud University**

**College of Business Administration**

**Finance Department**

**Course Syllabus**

FIN230 Financial markets and institutions

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***Course Description***

The course explains and analyses how financial markets and institutions work and interact with each other. The aim of the course is to give a general idea about the financial markets, where funds change hands. The first part of this course is the overview of financial markets. Later, the role of the Central Bank in the financial system and economy is discussed by suing Federal Reserve as an example. The second part of the course is the analysis of specific financial markets and institutions namely foreign exchange market, stock market, investment banking, mortgage market and banking regulations.

***Pedagogy***

This course uses lecturing, discussions, presentations, problem solving, case studies and assignments.

***Evaluation weightages***

* Midterm 1 8-11-2016: 25%
* Midterm 2 11-12-2016: 20%
* Assignment / quizzes: 15%
* Term end examination: 40%

***Required Texts***

Saunders, A and Cornett, M. (2013). Financial markets and institutions, McGraw Hill higher education, 5th edition.

Mishkin, F. and Eakings, S. (2012) Financial markets and institutions, Pearson.

***Suggested Materials***

Financial magazines and financial pages of newspapers

***Web Resources***

Lms.ksu.edu.sa (Blackboard)

www.fed.gov

www.sama.gov.sa

www.tadawul.com.sa

www.gulfbase.com

topics.bloomberg.com/**saudi**-**arabia**/

<http://www.cma.org.sa/En/Pages/home.aspx>

***Course Coverage***

* Introduction and overview of financial markets
* The Federal Reserve System, monetary policy and interest rates
* Foreign exchange markets
* Stock markets
* Commercial banking: industry overview
* Securities firms and investment banks
* Mortgage market
* Regulation of commercial banks

***Calculators***

Financial calculators are allowed during lectures and exams.

***Software requirement***

Microsoft excel with data analysis and solver add-ins.

**Cell phones are not allowed for calculation during the examinations and classes.**

***Examination Schedule:***

Will be discussed with the student during the first week

***Exam Policy/Requirements*:**

* During the exams; talking, whispering, using cell phones for calculation, etc (your cell phones must be turned off and kept out of your reach!!!!) is not allowed and strictly forbidden.
* **Borrowing calculators during examinations is not allowed.** In additionto above rules you know the college general policies (bringing your ID, obeying the university rules etc.) about exams which also apply.
* During the examinations, you are responsible for bringing all your required materials (pen, pencil, calculators, student ID etc.) to the classroom.

***Attendance:***

* 75% Attendance is compulsory.
* Any student lacking 75% attendance will not be allowed to sit for the Final examination.
* However, you will find the course relies on the learnings from the previous sessions heavily during every session. In your own interest, 100% attendance will help you perform better.
* I reserve the right not to accept the availability of a student who is late.

***Make-up Examinations*:**

* There will be no makeup exams.
* If a student misses the midterm examinations, she will get a zero for the examination.

**Classroom Requirements:**

* You shall be present in the class on time. If the door of the classroom is closed, it means the lecture has started and please do not enter the classroom.
* If you have an excuse to be late, you will have to inform me in advance.
* You are not allowed to leave the class before the conclusion of the session, unless you are specifically permitted by me.
* Do keep your mobile phones switched off during the lecture and exams.
* ***You may feel free to contact me for doubt clarification.*** I will always be available to you during my office hours. I encourage you to visit my office as frequently as you have doubts without hesitation.
* Please do not wait until examination for seeking my assistance.

**Expectation**:

* You may have to spend at least 4 to 6 hours every week on the subject outside the class hours.

**Website**:

* Course materials will be posted in my websit or blackbord.