Course programme 2020/2021

- [x] undergraduate studies
- [ ] graduate studies

Course ID		Fall Semester	Language of the course: English

Course title:	Introduction to Investing
Course title in Polish:	Wprowadzenie do inwestowania

Total course hours:	30.00	ECTS	5

Lecturer:	Luiza Kostecka-Tomaszewska, PhD
Prerequisite(s):	prerequisites not required: the course has no formal entry requirements and is open to all students

I. Course description

This course is designed to provide students with very little or no finance background with basic knowledge and practical skills in the field of investing. It gives an introduction to fundamental issues of investing and covers such topics as preparation and procedure in making the investment projects, methods and models for estimation of cost of different types of capital (e.g. cost of equity, cost of debt, cost of preferred shares) and basic methods of analysis of projects effectiveness. The course covers the evaluation of investments at an introductory level and is suitable as a preparation for the course such as Methods of Evaluating Investment Projects.

Lecture: 15, Classes: 15

Teaching methods: The course subject matter will be taught through a combination of formal lectures with presentations and case studies as well as in-class exercises and class discussions.

II. Course objectives

This course aims to provide students with basic theoretical as well as practical knowledge that gives the foundations to make investment decisions. Students acquire basic knowledge and practical skills in the field of preparing an investment plan, sourcing the appropriate capital and techniques of evaluation of investments. On successful completion of this course, the student should be able to recommend whether and why an investment should be accepted or rejected.

III. Knowledge, skills acquisition

Topic – content summary	At the end of the course students will be able to:
Investment projects: essence, types and classification	define investment, describe types of investment, distinguish financial investment from real investment
Preparation and procedure in making the investment projects: investment decision rules and criteria	explain the process of making financial decisions about investing money in the investment projects
The importance of time in assessing the profitability of investments	explain the time value of money concept and its importance in the business world
Financing investment projects	describe the sources of capital, calculate the cost of capital, build a loan amortization schedule
Cash flows analysis: definition and calculation of the cash flows of the investment project	estimate cash flows for investment project appraisal
Basic methods for evaluating the financial viability of projects (NPV, IRR, NPVR, PI)	make investment decisions, apply discounted cash flow techniques to investment project appraisal

IV. Assessment

Lectures: The course ends with a written exam
Classes: Students are evaluated throughout the course

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