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Financial Valuation (Finanzmärkte und Unternehmensbewertung)

Course Outline

The course gives an advanced introduction to financial analysis and to the principles of financial valuation. Applications include financial statement analysis, the valuation of firms as well as the measurement of corporate performance for exchange traded corporations. The course will also consider arbitrage pricing theory and related empirical findings. The techniques provide essential concepts for the work of financial accountants and analysts, certified accountants, stock brokers, financial consultants as well as to specialists with an interest in financial research. Further applications include the evaluation of corporate management decisions and issues in corporate governance.

Rules for Course Participation

This course is open to all students of the program Bachelor of Business Administration and Economics. Active participation and discussion of the course contents is encouraged. Therefore, study of the given literature in advance of each class is recommended. Slides used in class can be downloaded from Stud.IP. Exercises, small case studies and discussion of research papers will complement the theoretical aspects of the class. Several parts of the course material and references are in English. However, the lecture language is German. There will be a final exam at the end of the semester. Hence, for course participation, basic knowledge of the German language is required.

Timetable

The lecture will take place in three blocks on October 18 and 25 and November 8, 2024 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Room HS 8 WIWI). Any further details on the lectures and tutorials will be announced on Stud.IP.

The topics of the class are the following:

Topics	Literature
Introduction to Investing and Valuation	[P] Chapter 1: pp. 2-31
Introduction to Financial Statements	[P] Chapter 2: pp. 32-70
How Financial Statements are used in Valuation	[P] Chapter 3: pp. 74-109
Cash Accounting: Discounted Cash Flow Valuation	[P] Chapter 4: pp. 110-139
Residual Earnings Valuation: Pricing Book Values	[P] Chapter 5: pp. 140-177
Abnormal Earnings Valuation: Pricing Earnings	[P] Chapter 6: pp. 178-209
The Analysis of Equity Risk and Return	[P] Chapter 19: pp. 642-679
Arbitrage Pricing Theory and discussion of related empirical findings	[RWJ] pp. 297-317
Open Problems, Questions and Answers	

Literature

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Additional Readings

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