FIN 395.5 – CORPORATE FINANCE  
Spring 2018

Instructor: Aydoğan Altı

Office: CBA 6.246, Phone: 232-9374, Email: aydogan.alti@mccombs.utexas.edu

Office Hours: Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Course Description and Requirements

FIN 395 will review fundamental models/tools of Corporate Finance, as well as other information-theoretic models of financial markets and institutions. The class material will be divided in three main parts: Information in Financial Markets (which is not exactly corporate finance, but is useful for research in all areas of finance), Corporate Finance Fundamentals, and Topics in Corporate Finance and Financial Intermediation.

There will be a midterm exam (40% of the grade) and a comprehensive final exam (50% of the grade) at the end of the semester. Several problem sets will be distributed. Problem sets are required work and constitute 10% of the grade.

Lecture notes and required readings (denoted by an asterisk) are essential parts of the course. Other readings are not required, but are important for students who wish to do research in the corresponding area.

PART I: Information in Financial Markets


a) The Informational Role of Asset Prices


b) Information Asymmetry and Market Microstructure


---

**PART II: Fundamentals of Corporate Finance**


2. The Effects of Asymmetric Information on Financial Policy


3. An Agency Perspective on Corporate Finance


**PART III: Topics in Corporate Finance and Financial Intermediation**

[TENTATIVE LIST]

1. Financial Intermediation


2. Security Issuance and Investment Banking

   Reading list TBD

3. Additional topics as time permits

   Reading list TBD