Finance I

Academic Year: **2019/2020**   **1ˢᵗ Semester**

Instructor(s): Mário Meira

Course Description:

This is an introduction course in Finance that covers major topics in the area of Investments. The language of the course is English.

Course Content:

(1) The time value of money & Interest rates
(2) Valuing bonds
(3) Valuing stocks
(4) Market efficiency
(5) Portfolio theory
(6) Capital asset pricing model
(7) Financial options

Grading:

First Midterm exam:	45%
Second Midterm exam:	45%
Online Quizzes	10%

Online weekly homeworks for extra credit
* I reserve the right to adjust the final grade between -1 and 1 points.

• Students with a score higher or equal than 9.5 and a minimum grade of at least 7.0 in each midterm pass the course.
• A score of 7.0 or higher is needed on each of the two required midterm exams. Students with a score lower than 7.0 on at least one of the midterm and a final score between 7.5 and 9.5 must take the final exam in order to pass the course.
• Only students with an average score between 7.5 and 9.5 can take the final exam.
• Students that take the final exam will have a final grade equal to the grade in the final exam.

• Students that take the final exam in order try to improve the final grade have 20 minutes to see the final exam and decide to do it or not. Note that students that decide to take the final exam could end failing the course.

Bibliography:

Lecture notes (available on Moodle).
R. Brealey, S. Myers, and F. Allen, <u>Principles of Corporate Finance</u>, McGraw-Hill.

Biography:

Mário Meira holds an M.Sc in Economics from Católica-Lisbon School of Business and Economics and an Undergraduate degree in Economics from Católica-Porto School of Business and Economics. He is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Economics in Nova School of Business and Economics. In his previous professional experience he has worked as a consultant for institutions like the Portuguese Banking Association and Maksen.

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Office hours are scheduled by appointment through e-mail.