University of Washington, Department of Economics
ECON 423: Topics in Financial Economics
Spring 2014 Course Schedule & Outline

Course Instructor & Coordinator: Christina Tapia, Ph.D.
Class days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Description:
This course brings together the expertise of several instructors to discuss topics of current interest in financial economics. This quarter topics include the Federal Reserve and monetary policy; fundamentals of transfer pricing; analysis and valuation of stocks; private equity and venture capital; and issues in the insurance industry. The objective is to provide students a better understanding of these topics with real-world examples and applications.

COURSE LECTURE SEGMENTS

Each instructor will distribute a separate syllabus for his/her segment.

I. Federal Reserve & Monetary Policy
   April 1, 3, 8, 10 (exam)
   Christina Tapia, Ph.D.
   Visiting Lecturer, U.W.
   Economist; OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.

II. Fundamentals of Transfer Pricing
    April 15, 17, 22, 24 (exam)
    David Unger and Dickie Paria, Ph.D.
    Economic and Valuation Services
    KPMG, L.L.P.

III. Analysis & Valuation of Stocks
     April 29; May 1, 6, 8 (exam)
     Steven C. Phelps, C.F.A., C.I.C.
     President, C.E.O., C.I.O.
     Badgley Phelps Investment Managers

IV. Private Equity & Venture Capital
    May 13, 15, 20, 22 (exam)
    Adley Bowden
    Senior Director, Analysis
    PitchBook Data

V. Insurance Industry
    May 27, 29; June 3, 5 (exam)
    Olga Yang, CPCU, ARM, AIM, ARe, APA, ASLI
    Underwriting Specialist
    CNA Insurance
    Chip Holland, C.L.U.
    President
    Life & Health Underwriters, Inc.
Readings:
Each instructor will designate the required readings for his/her respective segment. Readings will be available on the course web site in advance of each segment. Be sure to check the web page regularly for readings and updates. Readings must be completed before coming to class.

Grading:
There will be five exams, one for each course segment. Each segment exam will be held on the final day of the segment (as indicated above). Each instructor will provide information regarding the format and content of his/her exam. Your grade will be determined by equally weighting each exam grade.