Economics of Investment and Finance (ECON 363)

Credit Hours: 4

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Schedule: Monday to Friday (2.00 PM – 4.50 PM)

This course is designed to introduce students to the concept of financial instruments, and the process and analysis of investment in financial markets. Both the theory and practice of investment decisions, and the diverse securities used as investment tools to implement those decisions, will be addressed in this course. An introduction to modern tools of investment such as options and futures will be made, though a complete treatment is beyond the goals of this course. Students will also be given an overview of risk management and the basic hedging techniques. The primary focus of this course is the relationship between risk and return, and how this relationship determines an optimal investment decision according to modern portfolio theory and its extensions. Real world applications will be discussed as often as possible.