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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAM, PH.D.**

SYLLABUS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

TITLE: SEMINAR SPECIAL FINANCE THEMES
CODE: BADM 797E
CREDITS: 3 (THREE)
ACADEMIC TERM:
PROFESSOR:
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II. DESCRIPTION

Development of special topics in finance area in accordance to the doctoral Student interests under the faculty supervision. Comparison of finance research and strategy application in different scenario of business.

III. OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course the student will be able to:

1. Construct possible research topic(s) in finance
2. Analyze the modern theory of finance.
3. Compare the finance theory to the financial practices.
4. Apply the modern concepts, methods and methodologies of finance research to an industry or a sample of companies.
5. Analyze the limitations of the intended research.
6. Evaluate the influence and implication of the selected research topic(s) on the companies' practices.

IV CONTENT

Because of the dynamic of the course and the variety of research topic that can be

selected by students, it is difficult to establish specific content. The followings are suggested topics:

Behavioral finance/psychological biases
Mergers and acquisitions
Layoff
Signaling
Downsizing
Foreign direct investment
Dividend policy and investment decision
Earnings management
Acquisition strategies

V. ACTIVITIES:

1. Students should read the material before the discussion in class.
2. Groups of 2 or 3 students will be formulated to present and discuss some topics in class.
3. Students are required to search for some topics, literature, and financial practices in the internet to select their research questions that are part of the evaluation.
4. Presentations of the selected topics in class individually or in small groups.

VI. EVALUATION

- 1) A free-choice topic (selected by the student and subject to the professor approval, 60%).

These topics should be analyzed in a critical manner with appropriate references. Also, should satisfy the course objectives. The minimum acceptable work is 3,000 words and the maximum not to exceed 5,000 words.

- 2) Presentation (25%)
- 3) Participation in class (15%)

VII. SPECIAL NOTES

Auxiliary services or special needs

Students who require special assistance or ancillary services must request them at the beginning of the course or as soon as he/ she acquires knowledge of their need, through the corresponding register in _____.

Dishonesty, fraud and plagiarism

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Cell phones and any other electronic device that could disrupt the processes of teaching and learning or alter the environment conducive to academic excellence will be deactivated. Pressing situations will be addressed, as appropriate. Handling of electronic devices to access, store or send data during evaluations or examinations is prohibited.

VIII. RESOURCES

Vary depending on the students' research interest. However, the following web pages are necessary to support the research topic:

Institute of Certified Public Accountant (AICPA)

The Security Exchange Commission (SEC)

The Economic and Administrative Journal-Metro: ceajournal.metro.inter.edu

Web pages of special companies such as: IBM, EDS, Microsoft.

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