

Mainz, February 2014

Master Seminar in Corporate Finance
Summer Term 2014
“Applied Corporate Finance”
(June, 17 2014,
Fakultätssaal Philosophicum ,
6 LP, MIEPP / MoM)

This seminar provides an opportunity to get some hands-on experience applying corporate finance theory to a real firm. In the process, you will have to

- Evaluate the risk profile of the firm and examine its sources of risk
- Analyze its capital structure and determine whether the firm is under- or over-leveraged
- Examine its dividend policy and decide whether more or less should be paid in dividends in the future
- Value the firm
- Restructure the firm and re-value it

These topics follow the content of the course “Corporate Finance I: Applied Corporate Finance” in MoM/MIEPP. To make sure that you have the necessary knowledge and tools available, participation in that course (or a similar course at a different university) is a pre-requisite for the seminar.

The seminar will be group work. Each group will have between 4 and 5 members. You will be asked to hand in a group report and to give a group presentation that will focus on one specific aspect of your report.

Organization of the seminar:

The seminar is open to Master students from the MoM and the MIEPP. The seminar will be held in English. A compulsory introductory session will take place on April 1 2014, 10.00 am, in room RW 5. In this session, the groups will be formed and the name of the firm to be analyzed will be announced.

You will have time to prepare your report until Tuesday, May 20 2014 (noon). Please hand in your report via E-mail to schuerg@uni-mainz.de. While there is no explicit page limit for your report, make sure that your write-up contains all the information (additional data, analyses, simulations) necessary to follow your arguments but is concisely written at the same time (less is often more). The organization of arguments and your writing style will affect your grade.

On Tuesday, June 3 2014, you will be informed via E-mail about the specific topic that your presentation should focus on. The presentation session will take place on Tuesday, June 17 2014, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, in the Fakultätssaal, Philosophicum .

Application:

Please send your application form together with a current transcript of records to Carolin Schürg at schuerg@uni-mainz.de (this holds for MoM as well as MIEPP students). The application period starts on February 4 and ends on February 28 2014. The number of seminar participants is capped at 25. You will be notified of admission until March 7 2014.

Grading:

- Group report: 70%
- Presentation: 30%

Important dates:

- February 4, 2014: start of application period
- February 28, 2014: end of application period
- March 7, 2014: notification of admission
- April 1, 2014: obligatory introductory session
- May 20, 2014: deadline for handing-in the group report
- June 17, 2014: presentation session