## Theme proposals for the master's program:

## **MASTER of Applied Finance**

Academic year: 2023-2024

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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| Nr.crt | Tema   |  |
|        | The impact of investment / dividend / financing policy on the value / financial performance of companies           |  |
| 1      | (from sector)  |  |
| 2      | Determinants of the investing / dividend / financing policy for companies in the sector                            |  |
| 3      | Capital structure: determinant factors   |  |
| 4      | The cost of capital  |  |
| 5      | The role of financial analysis in diagnosing the risk of bankruptcy  |  |
| 6      | Optimizing the financial structure of companies  |  |
| 7      | Determinants of market value for companies in the sector   |  |
| 8      | Determinants of the companies' performance in the sector   |  |
| 9      | Financial analysis of companies in the sector (eg pharmaceutical) in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic          |  |
| 10     | The effects of the acquisition and merger processes on the companies' performances                                 |  |
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| Nr.crt | Tema   |  |
| 1      | Analysis of the merger and acquisitions market in Europe   |  |
| 2      | Determinants of merger and acquisition success.  |  |
| 3      | Control premium in mergers and acquisitions.   |  |
| 4      | Determinants of profitability: an analysis on a specific industry  |  |
| 5      | Determinants of capital structure: an analysis on a specific industry  |  |
| 6      | The socio-cultural factors that influence the merger and acquisition success.                                      |  |
| 7      | Business valuation. Market approach and DCF apporach   |  |
| 8      | Business valuation. Scenario analysis and Monte Carlo analysis.  |  |
|        | Students may choose any topic in the field of Corporate Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions.                      |  |
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| Nr.crt | Tema   |  |
| 1      | Size premium on the European stock market  |  |
| 2      | Diversity and financial performance in listed companies  |  |
| 3      | Non-corporal assets and financial performance  |  |
| 4      | The role of ESG reports in capital allocation decisions  |  |
| 5      | The role of ESG reports in the relationship of companies with their stakeholders                                   |  |
| 6      | Other themes in the area of corporate finance proposed to the coordinator by the students after previous agreement |  |

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| Nr.crt   | Tema   |  |
| 1        | Applied case studies regarding estimating growth in investment decisions                             |  |
| 2        | The valuation using market multiples   |  |
| 3        | Valuing Firms with Negative Earnings   |  |
| 4        | The valuation of a young or start-up firm  |  |
| 5        | Assessing company value using earnings multiples   |  |
| 6        | Coherence Mission - Vision - Values and the financial performance                                    |  |
| 7        | The correlation between basic leadership theories and the performance of the company                 |  |
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| Nr.crt   | Tema   |  |
| 1        | Valuation instruments for companies performance  |  |
| 2        | Models of valuation for listed companies   |  |
| 3        | Risk assessment for listed companies   |  |
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| Nr.crt   | Tema   |  |
| 1        | The stylized facts of asset returns - practical examples and modelling approaches                    |  |
| 2        | Modelling the volatility of asset returns  |  |
| 3        | Applications of risk models in the context of financial markets                                      |  |
| 4        | Value-at-Risk - estimation and testing   |  |
| 5        | Portfolio management models - case study on a country/region   |  |
| 6        | Determinants of companies' financial performance   |  |
|          | Students may also choose other topics from the areas of Financial Markets,                           |  |
|          | Investments and Risk Management, based on a prior discussion with the professor.                     |  |
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| Nr.crt   |  |  |
| 1        | Economic growth and public debt  |  |
| 2        | A comparative analysis of public debt in European Union  |  |
| 3        | Economic growth before and after financial crises . A comparative analysis considering the crises    |  |
| 4        | Fiscal evasion in Romania and its impact on national economy   |  |
| 5        | A comparative analysis of the economic growth within European Union                                  |  |
| 6        | The absorption of EU funds and its impact on national economy  |  |
| 7        | Foreign Direct Investments and their impact on eonomic growth  |  |
| 8        | Financial analysis with the use of financial statements of the companies from X field                |  |
| 9        | The financial performance analysis of the companies from X field with the use of financial ratios    |  |
| 10       | The analysis of investments with the use of feasibility plan   |  |
| 11       | The analysis of influencing factors of performance of companies from X sector                        |  |
| 12       | The analysis of influencing factors of risk of companies from X sector                               |  |
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| Nr.crt   | Tema   |  |
| 1        | Drawing (Complex) Feasibility Studies/Business Plans (for various projects/companies involved in any |  |
|          | business field)  |  |
| 2        | Investment Projects Evaluation   |  |

| 3      | Evaluation of Companies   |  |  |
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| 4      | Forensic Finance and Digital Analysis   |  |  |
| 5      | Financial Markets Efficiency – informational efficiency testing   |  |  |
| 6      | Cost Benefit Analysis - for Complex Public/Private Investment Projects (and PPP)  |  |  |
| 7      | Business Audit, a Modern Approach of the Financial Audit  |  |  |
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|        | Propuneri de teme pentru programele de master în engleză MAF (titlurile în varianta lb engleză)   |  |  |
| Nr.crt | Tema  |  |  |
|        | Theory and practice of organizational behavior. Individual vs. organizational   |  |  |
| 1      | behavior. Organizational psychology applied to leadership behavior. Performance management.   |  |  |
|        | Modern organizational ecosystem centered on risk management mentality. Pro-   |  |  |
| 2      | active corporate governance based on risk, investment management decision to take the financial   |  |  |
|        | corporate risk. Management performance valuation.   |  |  |
|        | Organizational culture and professional personality. The impact of culture on   |  |  |
|        | organizational behavior. Organizational cultures, the global implications of multinationals, in creating  |  |  |
| 3      | and sustaining a positive culture. Impact of culture in the new social media economy, instant interaction   |  |  |
| Ũ      | and exchange of information, knowledge, news, and information, data. Customer centric vs performance centric organizations  |  |  |
|        | Corporate behavioral intelligence: individual, group, organization, the principles  |  |  |
|        | and challenges of organizational behavior at the individual, team, and organization level. Theories of  |  |  |
|        | organizational behavior, principles, and tactics to prevent problems and conflicts. Human resource  |  |  |
| 4      | management issues (team building, negotiation, and conflict management skills) in the hybrid  |  |  |
|        | corporation (WFM and on-site). Talent management.   |  |  |
|        | Organizational behavior and corporate performance. Management of the board of   |  |  |
|        | directors. Corporate governance and the board of directors complex dynamics between stakeholders.   |  |  |
| 5      | Efficient and inefficient uses of power in different organizational contexts. Rewards used by   |  |  |
|        | organizations. Efficiency and efficacy in corporate governance results  |  |  |
| 6      | Psychology and organizational behavior in a digital, technological, social corporation  |  |  |
|        | In the new digital economy and hyper-competition format, diffusion of innovation, automation, and data  |  |  |
|        | management as a key competitive advantage. Analysis and the data-driven decision making that  |  |  |
|        | guides the leadership of the company for the  |  |  |
|        | performance of the individual, the team, and the organization. Shareholder focus vs client focused firms.   |  |  |
| 7      | Behavior and organizational governance. Applications of agent theory, managing  |  |  |
| 7      | stakeholders' interests vs. clients. Cost of shareholder capital and added economic value. The competing economic interests of shareholders, interest holders, customers. |  |  |
|        | Governance and sustainable organizational psychology. Modern organizational   |  |  |
| 8      | leadership and behavior in the new green economy, of social responsibility, environmental responsibility,   |  |  |
| Ũ      | in the European context.  |  |  |
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|        | Master MAF  |  |  |
| 1      | Optimization of the allocation of individual investment portfolios. Bear vs. bull   |  |  |
|        | markets   |  |  |
| 2      | Practical application of Behavioral Finance. Investment risk profiling of the investor  |  |  |
| 3      | Application of fundamental and behavioral analysis in the evaluation of   |  |  |
| -      | investments for the individual portfolio. Risk management vs. investment return management  |  |  |
| 4      | Allocation of assets in the investment portfolio according to the investor's risk   |  |  |
|        | aversion  |  |  |
| 5      | Risk analysis of the portfolio of individual financial assets. Risk of irrational behavior  |  |  |
|        | Diversified and optimized portfolios by asset classes. Asset allocation vs.   |  |  |
| 6      | selection of securities in investment management with the rules of behavioral financial discipline  |  |  |

| Evaluation of the performance of individual portfolios based on investment risks   |  |  |
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| Building and managing an individual portfolio in the financial conditions of non-  |  |  |
| conventional monetary policies and the pandemic effects of medical and economic crisis   |  |  |
| Information efficiency of the market in the context of digital and decentralized   |  |  |
| finance.   |  |  |
| Financial markets are inefficient informationally from social and psychological factors.   |  |  |
| The Prospect Theory. Practical applications  |  |  |
| The Nudge Theory. Practical applications   |  |  |
| The Irrational Exhuberance Theory. Applications  |  |  |
| Portfolio management in the technological advance of the investment industry -   |  |  |
| HFT, ETFs, AI, ML, Algo and Robot trading, Chatbot advising, etc.  |  |  |
| Managing individual investment portfolios with a focus on continuing education,  |  |  |
| for the whole life. Financial education of young people. Financial risk in retirement, the financial risk of   |  |  |
| longevity. Changing financial behavior throughout working life and retirement  |  |  |
| Management of financial behavior in individual portfolio management. The   |  |  |
| efficiency of the investment market. Index and passive investment, Internet and auto- pilot investments  |  |  |
| Practical Applications of Behavioral Finance in Institutional and Individual Portfolio Management:<br>Correlated Management of Assets and Liabilities of an Investor Portfolio |  |  |
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| Related asset and liability management in individual investment portfolios. Portfolio management in conditions of inflation, stagnation, crisis, or economic recession.        |  |  |
| Lifelong financial advice - an integrated framework for the allocation of human  |  |  |
| capital and assets: Personal finance in modern and digitally emancipated society. Finance of young   |  |  |
| generations. Decentralized finance, popular investing. Innovation in financial instruments.  |  |  |
| The future of investment services and products. Economic and financial   |  |  |
| intelligence, continuous learning, and investment throughout life. Personal and Behavioral Finance   |  |  |
| Practical application of Behavioral Finance. Investment risk profiling for the investor  |  |  |
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| Tema   |  |  |
| 'Bad' vs. 'Good' fiscal news and the effects on the stock market   |  |  |
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## DEPARTMENT OF MONEY AND BANKING

| PROFESOR<br>COORDONATOR  | TEME PROPUSE AN UNIVERSITAR 2023-2024                                |
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|                          | 1. Advanced macroeconomic models for analyzing monetary policy       |
|                          | 2. Financial frictions and monetary policy                           |
| Prof. dr. NECULA CIPRIAN | 3. Advanced models for estimating the volatility of financial assets |
|                          | 4. Advanced models for evaluating financial derivatives              |
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