OHE 100B TTh 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Textbooks

Hull J., Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives, 10^{th} Ed., Pearson, 2017 Bennett M., Hugen D., Financial Analytics with R, Cambridge, 2016

Pre-requisites: ISE 220 Probability Concepts in Engineering, or equivalent.

Course Objectives: This course is about investment portfolios that may include derivatives. The focus is on the following topics: optimization of portfolios of risky assets, modeling financial derivatives in discrete and continuous time, pricing derivatives, and, hedging. Overall, the main objective is to measure the risk of investments and to learn how to reduce it.

Session	Topic		Chapters and Sections
June 27	Introduction. Volatility of daily returns.	lab	H15.4, B2, B3.7
July 02	Derivatives. Arbitrage. Forward contracts	lab	Н2.11, Н5
July 04	European Options		H10.1-10.3, H11.4, H20
July 09	Binomial Model, Black/Scholes formula	lab	Н13, Н17, В15.3
July 11	Implied Volatility	lab	H15.11, H20, B15.4
July 16	Midterm Exam		In class
July 18	Brownian Motion	lab	H14, B15, B15.1
July 23	Stochastic Calculus		H14.6, H15.5-15.6
July 25	The Greeks	lab	Н19
July 30	Portfolio Hedging	lab	н19
Aug 01	Value at Risk	lab	H22
Aug 06	Final Exam		In class

Grading Policy: homework assignments 30%, midterm exam 30%, final exam 40%.

Software: R, will be the main computational tool. Current online data will be downloaded, transformed and analyzed using R. It is a powerful open source platform for statistical analysis.

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