

FIN4212 Mergers and Acquisitions

Code

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Title

Mergers and Acquisitions

Credits

3

Description

The course focuses on mergers, acquisitions and other restructurings as a vital part of overall modern-day corporate business strategy. The course introduces a framework, that helps corporations to plan, design, analyze, and implement mergers and acquisitions (M&A) to create, and in some cases, preserve corporate value. The students will learn meaning and motives behind the M&A, their types, advantages and disadvantages of each type. The course also reviews key financial drivers of the market value, financial analysis and valuation methods applied to M&A. It explains stages of M&A process, studies potential problems encountered in post-merger integration and provides prerequisites for a successful merger.

Objectives

Understand strategy and uses of M&A. Identify the language and processes of M&A. Estimate value of target firm and synergy of M&A. Conduct other M&A valuation analysis. Understand the basic structure of M&A transactions.

Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to: Understand the strategic framework of various M&A scenarios. Understand regulatory considerations of M&A Recognize steps in M&A process and determine specific goals for each phase. Comprehend the meaning of a proposed M&A transaction and understand value distribution between the seller and to the buyer. Perform financial forecast and analysis of the proposed M&A. Understand payment, legal and tax considerations of M&A transactions. Understand and distinguish between various structures of M&A transactions.

Assessment

60 % -first and second assessments
40 % -final assessment

Tentative course outline

Week1

Introduction to the course and Syllabus

Week2

An Introduction to Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Restructuring Activities

Week3

The Regulatory Environment, The Corporate Takeover Market

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Week5

Implementation: Search Through Closing

Week6

Review and Midterm 1, Home Assignments starts

Week7

Postclosing Integration

Week8

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Week9

Mergers and Acquisitions Cash Flow Valuation Basics

Week10

Relative, Asset-Oriented, and Real Option Valuation Basics

Week11

Financial Modeling Basics, Analysis and Valuation of Privately Held Firms

Week12

Review and Midterm 1, Home Assignments first part due

Week13

Structuring the Deal, Financing the Deal

Week14

Applying Financial Models

Week15

Alternative Exit and Restructuring Strategies