

BF3207
ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

Course Description and Scope

Alternative investments include a wide variety of assets which include hedge funds, private equity, real estate, and commodities. We will start with a review of relevant subjects, such as statistics and portfolio theory. Afterwards, we will go over the various asset classes, focusing on hedge funds, private equity, and real estate. We will consider investment strategies, management structure, and performance measurement. If time permits, we will also discuss more unconventional assets.

Course Assessment

Components	Weights
Class Participation	10%
Case Studies	10%
Hedge Fund Project	40%
Final Exam	40%

Proposed Weekly Schedule

Week	Topics
1	Overview
2	No Class
3	Overview
4	Portfolio Theory
5	Portfolio Theory
6	Portfolio Theory
7	Hedge Funds
8	Recess Week (No Class)
9	Hedge Funds
10	Hedge Funds
11	Hedge Funds
12	Hedge Funds
13	Private Equity
14	Private Equity Private Equity
Final Examination	