

Economics 173AL Finance Lab**Winter 2014****Meetings 16:00 -16:50 Monday, Wednesday****Wells Fargo Hall, Rady Campus****Michael Willoughby, Ph.D., CFA****Resources**

1. A Reading List (to be provided).
2. LIAR'S POKER, Michael Lewis.
3. ESSENTIALS OF INVESTMENTS, Bodie, Kane, & Marcus. Any edition.

Course Objective:

This course is an adjunct to Economics 173A, Financial Markets. We have three goals:

- (1) acquire a working professional vocabulary related to investment management;
- (2) learn critical issues in financial securities valuation,
- (3) improve Excel skills.

Structure

We will work with Excel® Spreadsheets, watch videos, hold discussions on previously assigned reading, and listen to a guest speaker on some Mondays – pending speaker availability.

Grades will be determined by individual performance across the following weighted assignments:

Event/Assignment

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| a) | Attendance for Speakers is important. I hope to see all registered students for each speaker, however things do come-up so, one absence will be excused. For a second or third absence, letter grades will be lowered by 1/3 letter, i.e. A to A-, A- to B+, etc. | | |
| b) | One 1-page written abstract of one assigned article. | 10 points | Week 5 |
| c) | Liar's Poker 20 M/C question quiz. | 10 points | Week 8 |
| d) | An in-class Excel® spreadsheet exercise. | 40 points | Final Exam |
| e) | Attendance & Participation. | 40 points | |