

Economics 173AL Finance Lab Winter 2015**Meetings 16:00 -16:50 Monday, Wednesday Wells****Fargo Hall, Rady Campus****Michael Willoughby, Ph.D., CFA****Resources**

1. ESSENTIALS OF INVESTMENTS, Bodie, Kane, & Marcus (any edition, pref. the 8th)
2. A Short Reading List (provided).
3. A Laptop with Microsoft Excel®

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) explore a couple of critical, current 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 as often as scheduling permits.

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

Event/Assignments.

- a) **Attendance** for Speakers is important. I expect to see all registered students for each speaker. Let me know in-advance if you must miss a speaker. 20 percent each of the course grade.
- b) A one page **Summary** of any each speaker's presentation. 30 percent of the course grade.
- c) Several in class **Excel worksheet** exercises turned-in for 50 percent of the course grade.