

**ECON 173A -- SYLLABUS (Winter 2017)**  
**Foster, UCSD, January 20, 2017**

| Teaching Staff and Consultation Hours |   |          |                  |
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| Carroll B. Foster<br>(PhD/Lecturer)   | I don't have an office yet.<br>(See note below <sup>1</sup> ) |          | cfoster@ucsd.edu |
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Course Information

- Course Title: FINANCIAL MARKETS
- Lecture: A00 MWF, 8-8<sup>50</sup> am, HSS 2250 (LEDDED AUDITORIUM)
  - Discussion A01 (893550) and A02 (893551): W, 7<sup>30</sup> - 8<sup>30</sup> pm, HSS 1330
- Prerequisite: Ec 100A; Ec 120B or Math 181B; Math 20F or 31AH
- Course webpage: *TritonEd.ucsd.edu*

Books and Materials

- Bodie/Kane/Marcus, *Investments* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). [Required (any recent edition)]
- Lecture notes, practice problems, and stat tables at course webpage: *triton.ed.ucsd.edu*

Some Suggested Reading

- Burton Malkiel, *A Random Walk Down Wall Street*, Norton (1999). The rise of the EMH.
- Justin Fox, *The Myth of the Rational Market*, Harper Collins (2009). The demise of the EMH.
- Taleb, *The Black Swan*, Random House (2007). Everything you know is wrong.
- J. K. Galbraith, *A Tenured Professor*, Mariner Books (1990). A sarcastic novel about short selling.

Calendar

- Holidays: Monday, 16 JAN, MLK; Monday, 20 FEB, Presidents Day
- Midterm: Wednesday, 15 FEB, 8-8:50 am, in HSS 2250
- Final: Monday, 20 MAR,, 8-11 am, in HSS 2250 or \_\_\_\_\_

| Course Outline and Reading List -- BKM 10 <sup>th</sup> |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Top 1   | INTRO TO FINANCE & INVESTING | Ch. 1, 3                    |
| Top 2   | PERSONAL FINANCE & TVM       | §5.2                        |
| Top 3   | FINANCIAL SECURITIES         | Ch. 2, 4; §14.1             |
| Top 4   | RISK & RETURN                | Ch. 5, §6.1 [omit §5.9]     |
| Top 5   | MODERN PORTFOLIO THEORY      | Ch. 6 - 7 [omit §7.5]       |
| Top 6   | CAPITAL ASSET PRICING MODEL  | Ch. 8-9                     |
| Top 7   | STOCK ANALYSIS & THE EMH     | Ch. 11; §13.1; §18.1 - 18.4 |
| Top 8   | BONDS & INTEREST RATES       | Ch. 14 - 15; §16.1          |

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<sup>1</sup> Until my regular office is finished, I can meet you after my second class, outside of HSS 1330, starting at about 9<sup>50</sup> am, MWF.

Examinations and Grading

- Midterm = 40 points; cumulative final = 80.
- You may use my notes (on paper) and **one** 8.5 x 11" sheet of your own notes (both sides); you may NOT consult old exams or Econ Tutor stuff. You need a working calculator. Bring stat tables from TRITONED if required. You must sit in your assigned seat.
- If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in an exam and left the room*. Once a classmate has turned in an exam, you will not be allowed to begin the exam and will get a zero.
- If you miss the midterm for a **verifiable** sports/legal/medical reason, I will excuse you and base your grade on the final exam.
- No rescheduled or make-up exams. You **MUST** take final with the rest of the class on schedule during finals week. Plan your schedule accordingly.

About Cheating

1. There is a LOT of it at UCSD. Honest students are put at a disadvantage by cheating students, and I hate that. Hence, my exam and scoring rules and restrictions.
2. I give multiple versions of tests. If I suspect that your answer on an exam has been copied from another student's paper, I give you the negative of the question's value. In severe cases of violations of academic integrity, I withhold your score and send your paper to AIC for resolution. AIC will contact you and tell you your options.
3. If AIC finds you guilty, your college will impose penalties, and I give you an F in the course.

**My assigned seat for exams in HSS 2250 (LEDDED AUDITORIUM) is \_\_\_\_\_**