

FIN-700

**Empirical Corporate Finance (2009 -2024)**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Finance		Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	
Exam	Multiple
Workload	90h
<b>Hours</b>	<b>28</b>
Courses	28
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Frequency**

Every year

**Summary**

The aim of this course is to develop research capabilities in empirical corporate finance, introduce methodologies to conduct empirical research in corporate finance, develop research ideas for term papers and dissertation topics.

**Content**

The course provides an overview of empirical methods for corporate finance research, seminal contributions in theoretical and empirical corporate finance, and recent advances in empirical corporate finance.

Major topics include corporate investment decisions, capital structure, internal and external financing, financial contracting, internal corporate governance, market for corporate control, venture capital, and initial public offerings.

Review academic literature in empirical corporate finance. Link contributions in theoretical corporate finance to empirical tests. Provide overview of reduced-form and structural approaches to empirical research in corporate finance. Present and discuss current research topics and seminal contributions. Develop novel research questions and outline future research directions.

**Keywords**

Empirical Research; Corporate Finance.

**Learning Prerequisites****Important concepts to start the course**

First class in econometrics at graduate level.

**Assessment methods**

Written exam.

**Resources****Websites**

- <http://sfi.epfl.ch/fahlenbrach.html>
- [https://hec.unil.ch/hec/recherche/fiche?pnom=nschuerhoff&dyn\\_lang=en](https://hec.unil.ch/hec/recherche/fiche?pnom=nschuerhoff&dyn_lang=en)