





# **Course Specifications**

| Course Title: | Financial Mathematics       |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Course Code:  | 30114304-3                  |
| Program:      | BSc. Mathematics 301100     |
| Department:   | Department of Mathematics   |
| College:      | Al-Leith University College |
| Institution:  | Umm Al-Qura University      |



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# **A. Course Identification**

| <b>1. Credit hours:</b> 3 credit hours   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 2. Course type   |  |  |
| <b>a.</b> University College Department 🖌 Others   |  |  |
| <b>b.</b> Required $\checkmark$ Elective   |  |  |
| <b>3. Level/year at which this course is offered:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> level                      |  |  |
| <b>4. Pre-requisites for this course</b> (if any) <b>:</b><br>Mathematical Statistics (30114303) |  |  |
| <b>5.</b> Co-requisites for this course (if any): None   |  |  |
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# 6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction   | <b>Contact Hours</b>   | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1  | Traditional classroom | (3 hours) x (15 weeks) | 100%       |
| 2  | Blended               | 0                      | 0%         |
| 3  | E-learning            | 0                      | 0%         |
| 4  | Correspondence        | 0                      | 0%         |
| 5  | Other                 | 0                      | 0%         |

### 7. Actual Learning Hours (based on academic semester)

| No    | Activity                        | Learning Hours         |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Conta | ct Hours                        |                        |
| 1     | Lecture                         | (3 hours) x (15 weeks) |
| 2     | Laboratory/Studio               | 0                      |
| 3     | Tutorial                        | 0                      |
| 4     | Others (Exam)                   | 8 hours                |
|       | Total                           | 53 hours               |
| Other | Learning Hours*                 |                        |
| 1     | Study                           | 70 hours               |
| 2     | Assignments                     | 15 hours               |
| 3     | Library                         | 0                      |
| 4     | Projects/Research Essays/Theses | 0                      |
| 5     | Others (workgroup)              | 20 hours               |
|       | Total                           | 115 hours              |

\* The length of time that a learner takes to complete learning activities that lead to achievement of course learning outcomes, such as study time, homework assignments, projects, preparing presentations, library times



# **B.** Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

### 1. Course Description

This course establishes the basics of the one-period model, shows how securities can be represented by vectors and matrices, and introduces the concept of hedging. Further, the course introduces important financial notions such as returns, arbitrage and state prices, and gives examples of asset pricing both in complete and incomplete markets. Then, we introduce the multi-period binomial model for stock prices and compute a dynamic hedging strategy that replicates a given option. Finally, we take the binomial modeling from the discrete-time numerical explorations to the continuous-time complete market trail in Black-Scholes option pricing formula.

#### 2. Course Main Objective

Provide students with basic knowledge using the mathematical techniques necessary to learn a wide range in the financial sector.

#### 3. Course Learning Outcomes

|     | CLOs  |            |  |
|-----|---|------------|--|
| 1   | Knowledge:  |            |  |
| 1.1 | State the mathematical foundations of quantitative finance              | K1         |  |
| 1.2 | Memorize the standard and advanced quantitative methodologies and       | K1         |  |
|     | techniques.   |            |  |
| 1.3 | Examine the theory and techniques in the area of financial mathematics. | K2         |  |
| 2   | Skills :  |            |  |
| 2.1 | Create potential models for the price of shares.                        | S4         |  |
| 2.2 | Analyze models for investments and securities.                          | <b>S</b> 1 |  |
| 2.3 | Design forward contract using arbitrage-free pricing methods.           | S5         |  |
| 2.4 | Develop connections within branches of Financial Mathematics between    | S2         |  |
|     | Probability and other disciplines                                       |            |  |
| 2.5 | Examine problems using a range of formats and approaches in basic       | S6         |  |
|     | science   |            |  |
| 3   | Competence:   |            |  |
| 3.1 | Apply scientific models and tools effectively.                          | C2         |  |
| 3.2 | Write reports about basic Financial Mathematics principles.             | C5         |  |
| 3.3 | Integrate knowledge acquired during the course using computer           | C4         |  |
|     | applications  |            |  |

# **C.** Course Content

| No | List of Topics  | Contact<br>Hours |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | Review of Probability Theory and Random Variable  | 3                |
| 2  | Interest: Simple and compound interest. Effective and nominal interest rates. Force of interest. Interest paid monthly. | 6                |
| 3  | Options and option pricing  | 6                |
| 4  | The Arbitrage Theorem, Pricing Contracts via Arbitrage  | 6                |
| 5  | Deferred and varying annuities, annuities payable continuously. 6   |                  |
| 6  | Loans, loan structure and equal payments. Discounted cash flow:<br>Generalized cash flow model.                         | 6                |
| 7  | The Black–Scholes Formula   | 6                |
| 8  | Measurement of investment performance.  | 6                |

# **D.** Teaching and Assessment

# **1.** Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes   | Teaching Strategies                                 | Assessment Methods                        |
|------|--|---|---|
| 1.0  | Knowledge  |   |   |
| 1.1  | State the mathematical foundations of quantitative finance   |   |   |
| 1.2  | Memorize the standard and advanced quantitative methodologies and techniques.                                | Lectures Tutorials<br>Discussion Problem<br>Solving | Exams Home work.                          |
| 1.3  | Examine the theory and techniques in the area of financial mathematics.                                      |   |   |
| 2.0  | Skills   |   |   |
| 2.1  | Create potential models for the price of shares.   |   |   |
| 2.2  | Analyze models for investments and securities.   | Lectures Tutorials<br>Solve Problem Brain           | Exams Quizzes.<br>Homework.<br>Discussion |
| 2.3  | Design forward contract using arbitrage-free pricing methods.  | Storming  | Discussion                                |
| 2.4  | Develop connections within branches<br>of Financial Mathematics between<br>Probability and other disciplines | Cooperative education                               | Home work.                                |
| 2.5  | Examine problems using a range of formats and approaches in basic science                                    | Competitive education                               | Reports. Quizzes.<br>Discussion           |
| 3.0  | Competence   | •   |   |
| 3.1  | Apply scientific models and tools effectively.   |   |   |
| 3.2  | Write reports about basic Financial<br>Mathematics principles.   | Lectures tutorials                                  | Home work.                                |
| 3.3  | Integrate knowledge acquired during<br>the course using computer<br>applications                             | brain storming                                      | Reports. Discussion                       |

# 2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| # | Assessment task*             | Week Due              | Percentage of Total<br>Assessment Score |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Midterm Test (1)             | 6 <sup>th</sup> week  | 20%                                     |
| 2 | Midterm Test (2)             | 12 <sup>th</sup> week | 20%                                     |
| 3 | Homework + Reports + Quizzes | During the semester   | 10%                                     |
| 4 | Final Examination            | End of semester       | 50%                                     |

\*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)



# E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

Office hours per week in the lecturer schedule (6 hours per week).

Contact with students by e-mail, SMS, and e-learning facilities.

# **F. Learning Resources and Facilities**

# **1.Learning Resources**

| Required Textbooks                | Kannoo Ravindran, The Mathematics of Financial Models: Solving<br>Real-World Problems with Quantitative Methods, Wiley Finance,<br>2014<br>Ale <sup>*</sup> s Cern <sup>'</sup> y, Mathematical Techniques in Finance: Tools for<br>Incomplete Markets, Princeton University Press, Second Edition,<br>2009 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Essential References<br>Materials | Sheldon M. Ross, An Elementary Introduction to Mathematical<br>Finance Options and<br>Other Topics, Cambridge University Press 2002, Second Edition   |
| Electronic Materials              | http://www.freetechbooks.com<br>http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/sitemap.aspx<br>http://mathforum.org/advanced/numerical.htm/   |
| Other Learning<br>Materials       | Microsoft Excel   |

#### 2. Facilities Required

| Item   | Resources   |
|--|---|
| Accommodation<br>(Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration<br>rooms/labs, etc.) | <ul> <li>The size of the room should be proportional to the number of students</li> <li>Provide enough seats for students.</li> <li>The number of student not exceed on 30 in the classroom</li> <li>Library</li> </ul> |
| <b>Technology Resources</b><br>(AV, data show, Smart Board, software,<br>etc.) | -Hall is equipped with a computer<br>- Provide overhead projectors and related items<br>-Smart board  |

| Item  | Resources |
|---|-----------|
| <b>Other Resources</b><br>(Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory |           |
| equipment is required, list requirements or                     |           |
| attach a list)  |           |

# **G.** Course Quality Evaluation

| Evaluation<br>Areas/Issues  | Evaluators                              | <b>Evaluation Methods</b>                           |
|---|---|---|
| Effectiveness of teaching and assessment                          | deanship of registration and acceptance | Student feedback through electronic survey          |
| Quality of learning resources                                     | Program Leaders                         | Student feedback through electronic survey          |
| Evaluation of the teachers by internal & external faculty members | Program Leaders                         | Course Reports, evaluation of random grading report |
| Program Quality   | Peer Reviewer                           | Peer evaluation and feedback                        |

**Evaluation areas** (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

**Evaluators** (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify) Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

# **H. Specification Approval Data**

|                     | Council of the           | The mathematical sciences (college of |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                     | Mathematics Department   | applied sciences) and the mathematics |
| Council / Committee |                          | (Al-Leith University College)         |
|                     |                          | department's first meeting of the     |
|                     |                          | coordinative committee                |
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