



INVESTMENT FUNDS Syllabus

Basic information

Field of study Finance and Accounting for Business		Didactic cycle 2025/26	
Speciality -		Subject code EKOFABS.L8.2063.25	
Organizational unit School of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies		Lecture languages English	
Study level undergraduate studies		Mandatory Obligatory	
Study form full-time		Block Major courses	
Education profile general academic		Department responsible for the subject Department of Corporate Finance and Insurance	
		Subject related to scientific research No	
		Subject shaping practical skills No	
Coordinator	Joanna Błach		
Teacher	Joanna Błach, Anna Sikora		
Period Semester 4	Form of teaching, number of hours and method of examination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• lecture: 15, Credit with grade• classes: 15, Credit		Number of ECTS points 3

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	To present fundamental knowledge on organisation and operating activity of different types of financial institutions, in particular pension and investment funds.
C2	To develop the analytical skills aiming at identifying and assessing fundamental issues and processes related to activity of financial institutions and their cooperation with non-financial entities in the economy.
C3	To develop skills related to the effective group work and team projects solving in the field of financial institutions activity.

Recommended requirements

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Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Major learning outcomes for the subject	Examination methods
Knowledge:			
W1	The student knows and understands at an advanced level selected facts, phenomena and processes affecting the financial system and financial institutions operating in Poland and in the international environment. The student is able to define institutions, financial and real economy entities and identify collective investment funds among them.	FAB.L_W03	Final test (written) - test, End-of-course assessment - group presentation
Skills:			
U1	The student is able to use knowledge in the field of finance to formulate and solve complex and untypical problems and to perform tasks, using various sources of information and applying relevant methods and tools, to describe and analyse the activity of collective investment funds (also with regard to application of their market offer).	FAB.L_U01	Final test (written) - test, End-of-course assessment - group presentation
U2	The student is able to communicate with others by using professional terminology related to the activity of collective investment funds.	FAB.L_U02	Final test (written) - test, End-of-course assessment - group presentation
U3	The student is able to speak English at the B2+ level of Common European Framework of Reference of Languages (CEFR) using financial specialised terminology related to the activity of collective investment funds.	FAB.L_U04	Final test (written) - test, End-of-course assessment - group presentation
Social competences:			
K1	The student is prepared to recognise the importance of professional knowledge and expertise in the process of solving the cognitive and practical problems related to the activity of selected financial institutions.	FAB.L_K02	End-of-course assessment - group presentation

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes	Activities
1.	FUNDAMENTALS OF COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT: rationale for collective investment, role of pension funds and investment funds in the economy	W1, U1, U2, U3, K1	lecture, classes
2.	CLASSIFICATION AND ORGANISATION OF INVESTMENT FUNDS AND PENSION FUNDS: types of collective investment funds, organisation and activity of investment funds and pension funds in Poland and selected countries, special forms of investment funds	W1, U1, U2, U3, K1	lecture, classes
3.	ASSET ALLOCATION IN COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS: advantages and disadvantages of collective investing, cost analysis, performance analysis, investment strategies, regulation and reporting	W1, U1, U2, U3, K1	lecture, classes

Additional information

Activities	Methods of conducting classes
lecture	Lecture using multimedia techniques, Lecture using activating techniques
classes	Solving a case study/real problem of an organization, Presentation/speech

Activities	Examination method	Percentage
lecture	Final test (written) - test	60%
classes	End-of-course assessment - group presentation	40%

Activities	Credit conditions
lecture	Final written test including open and closed questions
classes	Group work - presentation on selected aspects of collective investment funds activity

Literature

Obligatory

- Mishkin, F.S. (2004). The Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets, 7th Ed., Pearson Addison Wesley, Boston.
- Fabozzi, F., Modigliani, F., Jones, F. (2010). Foundations of Financial Markets and Institutions. Pearson, International Edition.
- Cooperman, E. (2016). Managing Financial Institutions: Markets and Sustainable Finance. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis.

Optional

- Rose, P.S., Marquis, M.H. (2009). Money and Capital Markets, Financial institutions and Instruments in a Global Marketplace. Wyd. McGraw Hill, International Edition.
- Błach, J. (ed.), (2014). Fundamentals of Finance. Wyd. Publishing House of the University of Economics in Katowice, Katowice.
- Haan, J. d., Oosterloo, S., Schoenmaker, D. (2012). Financial Markets and Institutions: A European Perspective. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
lecture	15
classes	15
Literature study	10
Analysis of lecture notes	5
Preparation of the end-of-course assessment - group project	15
Preparation of end-of-course assessment - group presentation	15
Consultations	4
Re-sit assignement	4
Student workload	Hours 83
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 3

* hour means 45 minutes

Major learning outcomes for the subject

Code	Content
FAB.L_K02	Recognizes the importance of knowledge in finance and accounting when solving cognitive and practical problems and is ready to consult experts in case of difficulties in solving them independently.
FAB.L_U01	Uses knowledge of finance and accounting to formulate and solve complex and atypical problems and to perform tasks under conditions of uncertainty, using advanced information and communication techniques for this purpose by: – proper selection of sources of information on the operation of enterprises in the market, including their financial situation, and then making an assessment, critical analysis and synthesis of said information, – selection and application of appropriate methods and tools typical of finance and accounting, including the principles of providing information on the property and financial situation of economic units in the financial reporting system.
FAB.L_U02	Communicates with the environment using specialized terminology in finance and accounting.
FAB.L_U04	Is proficient in a foreign language at B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
FAB.L_W03	Knows and understands the fundamental economic, legal, ethical, and other conditions of different types of businesses, including the basic concepts and principles of industrial property protection and copyright law.