Course Outline (2nd half)

Corporate Finance, Sections 001 and 002

1. Portfolio theory

(a) Definitions of returns

Readings: RWJ 9.1, 9.2, H01

Problems: PS6 1; RWJ 9.2, 9.3

(b) Expected returns and risk

Readings: RWJ 9.3–9.5, 10.1, 10.2, H02

Problems: RWJ 9.13, 9.15, 9.19, 10.3

(c) Portfolio allocation with two risky assets

Readings: RWJ 10.3, 10.4, H03*, H04

Problems: PS6 2, PS7 1; RWJ 10.4, 10.9, 10.10, 10.12, 10.14

(d) Portfolio allocation with multiple risky assets

Readings: RWJ 10.5, 10.6, H05*, H06

(e) Portfolio allocation with a riskless asset and multiple risky assets

Readings: RWJ 10.7, H07

Problems: PS7 2, 3

2. Capital Asset Pricing Model

Readings: RWJ 10.8, 10.9, H08, H08a, H09*

Problems: PS8 1, 2; RWJ 10.23, 10.26, 10.33, 10.35

3. Capital Budgeting Under Uncertainty

Readings: RWJ 12.1–12.5, 12.6*, H10

Problems: RWJ 12.1, 12.9, 12.11, 12.15

4. Market Efficiency

Readings: RWJ 13, H11, H12*

5. Capital Structure

(a) Modigliani and Miller propositions, No taxes or frictions

Readings: RWJ 15.1-15.4, H13

Problems: PS9 1, 2, 3

(b) Modigliani and Miller propositions with corporate taxes

Readings: RWJ 15.5, H14

(c) Limits to the use of debt: Cost of financial distress

Readings: RWJ 16.1, 16.2, 16.3*, 16.4, H15*

(d) Valuation and capital budgeting with leverage

Readings: RWJ 17.1*, 17.2*, 17.3, 17.4*, 17.5*, H16

Problems: H14 examples

6. Options

(a) Definitions and payoffs at expiration of calls and puts

Readings: RWJ 22.1-22.4, H17, H18*

Problems: PS10 1

(b) Introduction to valuation: Put-call parity and the minimum value of a call option

Readings: RWJ 22.5*, 22.6, 22.7 (p.620-621), H19, H20*

Problems: PS10 2

Notes:

- (*) Denotes optional readings
- All readings are from Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe (RWJ) or Handouts (H)
- Required problems are denoted by the problem set number and number within the problem set (e.g. PS1 2 means the second problem in problem set 1)
- Suggested problems are denoted by RWJ, and then the problem number (e.g. RWJ 4.11 refers to problem 11 in Chapter 4 of RWJ). These are from the revised RWJ problems on the website. They are the same as the suggested problems on the problem sets.