

## Financial Risk Management (F000735)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026**

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

lecture

practical

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Master of Science in Banking and Finance](#)

**crdts**

6

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Derivatives, financial risks, risk measurement

**Position of the course**

Analysis of the valuation of financial assets and the use of derivative instruments and quantitative techniques in risk management. The focus is on the quantification and the management of various types of financial risk.

This course aims at forming students who are able to recognize and analyze finance problems using the concepts of existing academic research. After finishing this course, students can understand new academic literature on risk measurement and derivatives pricing and can relate this literature to the existent knowledge.

They can also infer the practical consequences of the new results. Moreover, they can also apply the commonly used research methodologies and are able to report research results thoroughly, both orally and in written.

**Contents**

1 Modelling return and risk

- Autocorrelation, conditional variance
- GARCH models
- Methodological pitfalls

2 Derivative instruments

- Valuation of forwards, futures and options

3 Option pricing

- Numeric Methods
- Dynamic hedging
- Term structure models
- Embedded options

4 Continuous time finance Credit risk analysis

- Creditmetrics

5 Portfolio risk measurement

- Value at risk: methodology and implementation

6 Financial engineering

**Initial competences**

Students are acquainted with the standard pricing models for options and forward contracts.

They understand time series analysis and statistics (probability distributions).

They are used to analyse financial problems quantitatively using spreadsheet

software and standard canned software packages.

They are introduced to structured programming.

The final objectives of courses like investment analysis, topics in empirical research in finance and financial econometrics are starting objectives for this course.

### **Final competences**

- 1 Read the academic research on derivatives pricing and risk measurement
- 2 Interpret the results of this literature and apply them in practice
- 3 Formulate new research topics
- 4
- 5 Be acquainted with the problems of numerical derivatives pricing and risk measurement

### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

### **Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

### **Teaching methods**

Lecture, Practical

### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

Ex cathedra for theory sessions; interactive exercise session; presentation and discussion of assignments by the students.

Group preparation for assignments.

### **Study material**

Type: Slides

Name: Slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

### **References**

### **Course content-related study coaching**

- Handouts of lecture material available on the website
- Supervised assignments
- Individual feedback for reports

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

End-of-Term evaluation: written examination theory and exercises.

### **Calculation of the examination mark**

End-of-Term evaluation.