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BMA5313 Private Equity

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Course objectives

This is a case course on private equity. It includes discussion on the private equity cycle, from fund raising, structuring to deal screening, investment negotiations, fund management and performance reporting. An underlying theme of this part of the course is to emphasize how private equity markets can create wealth and promote economic growth.

A sound knowledge of private equity is essential for the following participants in the capital markets: angels, venture capitalists, private equity specialists, private equity investors, investment managers and institutional investors with an interest to commit funds to the private equity universe, and corporate managers who need private equity funding and an understanding in management buyouts. The relation between private equity markets and economic growth is also important for regulators.

Pre-requisites

Students need to have read Financial Management. A good grasp of valuation principles is necessary.

Basic texts

Lerner, Josh, Felda Hardyman and Ann Leamon, *Venture Capital and Private Equity: A Casebook*, 3rd Edition, 2004, Wiley, U.S.A.

Course outline

The course will cover the following topics:

- Introduction: What is private equity?
- The private equity cycle
 - Fund raising
 - Sourcing, structuring and investing
 - Value creation
 - Exiting
- Prospects

Assessment methods

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| Case analysis | 35% |) individual credit |
| Class participation and journal | 35% |) |
| Group project | 30% |]] |

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