



Corporate Governance

International Academic Camp Course Syllabus
Fudan Campus, 2019 December

Study Term:
Winter, 09/12/2019 - 27/12/2019

Study Level:
Postgraduate

Class hours:
16:20 - 19:15

Location:
No.220 Handan Rd, Shanghai, China.

Course Description

The unit develops students' appreciation of corporate governance and their ability to apply governance theories and principles in the international business practices. The subject examines corporate governance frameworks and practices in Australia and overseas that shape the current corporate governance debate. Topics covered include: The principles and theories of corporate governance; the role, structure and composition of the board and other company organizations;

the rights and responsibilities of shareholders including institutional shareholders; risk management practices; audit and financial reporting requirements; executive remuneration; and the stakeholder theory and corporate social responsibility.

Course Goals

1. Understand the importance, nature, theory, and principles of corporate governance in business practices;
2. Apply knowledge of corporate governance theories, regulation and the policy imperatives that underlie corporate governance regulation to assess and propose solutions for corporate governance problems;
3. Identify and critically analyse the regulation of corporate governance including that in national and international codes of practice and norms of practice;
4. Communicate factual and legal issues in relation to corporate governance arrangements and problems.

Recommended Texts

Jill Solomon (2014), *Corporate Governance and Accountability*, 4th Edition, John Wiley & Sons.



Assessment and Feedback

The final grade for the course will be calculated based on the following three assessment tasks:

No.	Assessment task	Percentage	Comments
1	In-class quiz	5%	Instant summative feedback on student performance will be provided.
2	Individual assignment	10%	Instant summative feedback on student performance will be provided.
3	Group assignment	30%	The group is required to communicate and present their findings from the case study in both oral and written forms. Both formative and summative feedback will be provided to students within a week of the attempt for review.
4	Final Exam	55%	All topics.

Grading Scale

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

- A 90-100
- A- 85-89
- B+ 82-84
- B 78-81
- B- 75-77
- C+ 72-74
- C 68-71
- C- 64-67
- D 60-63
- F Below 60

General Expectations

- **Reading**

Prior to each tutorial, students should actively read the textbook and other reading materials, as directed in the schedule of topics. Students should also prepare the solution for questions and case that will be discussed during a given session.

- **Writing**

You should use your academic writing to share your own insight with your reader. You should write in language designed to communicate your ideas clearly and simply rather than to impress and bewilder. You should copy-edit all written assignments



until they conform to the conventions of modern standard English to the best of your ability.

- **Discussion/Participation**

Questions and case discussions are an important part of this course. The discussions require students' preparation as well as participation. Students are required to be actively engage in the classes by, for example, asking relevant questions, answering tutors/peers' questions, participating in group discussion, in-class presentation, etc.

Course Schedule

Day	Date	Topic	Chapter
1	09/12/2019	Introduction to corporate governance	TBD
2	10/12/2019	Corporate governance theories	TBD
3	11/12/2019	The role of the board of directors	TBD
4	12/12/2019	Board committees and other organizations within the corporation	TBD
5	13/12/2019	Executive remuneration	TBD
SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
6	16/12/2019	Shareholders and shareholder activism	TBD
7	17/12/2019	Other gatekeepers in corporate governance	TBD
8	18/12/2019	Corporate governance codes and regulation	TBD
9	19/12/2019	Corporate takeovers: A governance mechanism?	TBD
10	20/12/2019	Comparative corporate governance around the world (Part 1)	TBD
SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
11	23/12/2019	Comparative corporate governance around the world (Part 2)	TBD
12	24/12/2019	Corporate social responsibility	TBD
13	25/12/2019	Corporate governance: Further discussions and future directions	TBD
14	26/12/2019	Corporate governance: Case study	TBD
15	27/12/2019	Revision & Final Exam	N/A