

“Investment and Trading”:

Brand New Option for the Spring
Semester 2009/10

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- Brand New option: only available to students of MN30380 Financial Markets
- Online Stock market trading game- “Market Class”
- Students sign-up into teams of 4 or 5.
- Weekly share trading activity throughout semester
- Teams achieve points based on return and risk.

“Market-Class” System

- “Market-Class is an online investment management simulator where teams of fund managers assess breaking news, analyse data on a range of assets and make investment decisions on a weekly basis. What makes market class particularly engaging is that asset prices respond to buy and sell decisions of the teams alone. So it is the perfect environment to apply and develop investment skills and techniques and test yourself against your peers.”

Unique features of the game.

- The stock trading prices are purely driven by the trading activities of the teams: not external prices.
- The system releases news items affecting the market periodically: adds to the excitement of the game!!!
- The trading game is supplemented by lectures (Bob Ryan): which assists in your understanding of the game and market behaviour:

Assessment

- You are not assessed on your performance in the game.
- Assessment is a combination of course-work and exams
- Course-work: your team writes a report about your trading experience, relation to theory etc => feedback on how markets work

Benefits of the game

- The game/lectures supplement MN30380:
- Hence, “Investment and Trading” adds to your understanding of MN30380, and vice versa.
- Gives you insight into trading in practice:
=> CV enhancement!!! Careers....