Course Description:
Forensic economics is the application of the general theories and methodologies of economics to the measurement of economic damages for use in legal settings. This course concentrates on financial market literacy. Topics include regulation and its relationship to Wall Street and the financial industry. Topics that this course will cover include the financial behavior of the large corporation, security markets, stock market pricing and valuation, portfolio and risk analysis, and social applications of financial reasoning.

Course Learning Objectives:
Upon completion of this course students are expected to:
- Demonstrate a working vocabulary of financial industry terminology.
- Describe financial industry practices
- Analyze how regulation affects the financial industry.

Required Texts:
Guide to Financial markets: why they exist and how they work, Sixth edition
Marc Levinson  (The Economist in Association with Profile Books, publishers)
New: $13.88

Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms (Barron's Business Dictionaries) April 2014
By John Downes and Jordan Goodman
New $8.99
Week 1

Class 1 Monday August 31: Course introduction. Discussion of terminology and discussion of a few Economic theories and the Stock market.
   A. Minsky- the relationship between regulation, the economy and the financial industry.
   B. Weiss- More insights to regulation, the economy and the financial industry.

Class 2 Wednesday September 2
   A. Demonstration on how to do the research paper. Covers how to perform due diligence in researching a financial entity before investing.
   B. Regulatory Agencies
      1. Securities Exchange Commission
      2. Commodities and Futures Trading Commission
      3. Federal Reserve

Week 2 Exchanges and Indexes Chapter 1 “Why Markets Matter”

Class 3. Wednesday September 9
   A. New York Stock Exchange
   B. American
   C. NASDAQ
   D. Indexes
      1. Dow Jones-30
      2. S&P 500
      3. NASDAQ 500
      4. NADAQ composite

Class 4 September 10 Thursday: Frontline documentary Money, Power and Wall Street (Hour one) The rise of modern finance

Week 3 Foreign Exchange Markets ; Chapter 2 “Foreign Exchange Markets”

Class 5 September 16, Wednesday: Foreign Exchange markets and International Fixed Income markets

Class 6 September 21 Monday: Librarian Maureen Richards well come to our class to show us how to use Lexis Nexis and Westlaw.

Week 4 Money Markets Chapter 3
Class 7 September 28
Class 8 September 30

Week 5 Securitization Chapter 5

Class 9 October 5 Monday: Securitization, Stocks Trading principles
Class 10 October 7 Wednesday: Mortgage markets

Week 6
October 12 Columbus Day- NO class
Class 11 Wednesday October 14 Frontline Documentary: Money, Power and Wall Street (hour two)
Week 7 The Bail outs
Class 12 October 19 Monday: Bail outs
Class 13 October 21 Wednesday; Bail outs continued, regulation, Presidential actions

Week 8
Class 14 October 26 Review
Class 15 October 28 Midterm

Week 9 The Euro, International banking and Fixed Income markets; Chapter 6
Class 16 Monday: International Banking systems, Fixed Income markets
Class 17 Wednesday: The Euro, Greece's economy, Italy, Spain, Ireland and France

Week 10 Equity markets and Annuities Chapter 7
Class 18 Equity Markets and Annuities
Class 19 Frontline Documentary Money Power and Wallstreet Hour 3

Week 11 Futures and Options Markets Chapter 8
Class 20 November 16 Monday: Futures,
Class 21 November 18 Wednesday; options and commodities

Week 12 Bond Markets and Ratings agencies Chapter 4
Class 22 November 23 Monday: Bond markets
Class 23 November 25 Wednesday: Ratings agencies (PPT on Black board) On Blackboard, do not attend class.

Week 13 Derivatives Chapter 9
Class 24 November 30 Monday: Frontline Documentary: Money, Power and Wall Street (Hour four)
Class 25 December 2 Wednesday: Social applications and financial reasoning: Wall Street culture

Week 14 Corporate Behavior; Papers due December 6 at 11:59 pm Turnitin # 10272460
http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training

Class 26 December 7
A Sub-prime Mortgage bubble
B Financial Crisis

Class 27 December 9 Financial Industry Crimes
A Insider trading
B Ponzi Schemes
C Boiler room
D Pump and Dump

Week 15 Final week
Class 28 December 14 Final regular class Review

Class 29 December 16 Possible final

Week 16 Class 30 December 21 Final exam
Each class is 5 points. Lateness will result in 1 point off; leaving early will result in 1 point off.

Each exam will be 25 questions worth 3 points each. These questions be multiple, choice, fill in the blank, multiple answer or matching.

**The research paper will be graded on:**
- How thorough your search is: have you exhausted all sources?
- Have you provided the required information?
- Is the paper organized?
- Are their subtitles indicating what you are writing on?
- Have you written in paragraphs with a leading sentence?
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation: Get someone to edit it before you turn it in.
- Documentation:
  - You must note each source for information throughout.
  - You must list all links where you acquired information
- It must be turned in through Turnitin.com by the stated deadline; it will not be accepted late or by email.
- **Not turning in your paper by the deadline is an automatic 100 point deduction.**

It is expected that you arrive at class having read these assignments with notes, summaries or outlines, that enable you to discuss these issues. You will be graded on your class participation.

It is expected that you will take notes in class in preparation for the midterm and the final exams.

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Term Paper

Submission instructions go to: http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training
Click on “Create an Account” in the top right corner; or log in if you have an account.
This is the course I.D. Number: 10272460

Integrity:

- Copying and pasting from one internet source to your paper is plagiarism: doing so will result in a failing grade on your research paper.

- Copying from any source word for word is plagiarism and will result in a failing grade.

- You must research and write your paper yourself, not doing so is grounds for failure of the course.

- Wikipedia and Investopedia are not an acceptable sources of information for your paper.

Students with special obligations—such as in-service students or students in need of special accommodations—should inform the instructor at the first class session. If family or work obligations (or any other extenuating circumstance) threaten to interfere with the student’s attendance or his/her completion of the course, the student should notify the instructor as soon as possible (not at the end of the semester period).

Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student’s eligibility from the OAS which is located at L66 in the new building (212.237.8031). It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor.

Plagiarism

Students should acquaint themselves with the college's policy on plagiarism. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation at John Jay College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Bulletin, http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/654.php, see Chapter IV Academic Standards).