

1st Year Course

Arbitrage Theory in Continuous Time [CTF(b)]

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Course Description:

The object of the course is to present the fundamentals of arbitrage theory for pricing contingent claims in continuous time. [Course definition](#)

Prerequisites:

The students are assumed to have taken the course "Continuous Time Finance (a)". More precisely the students are assumed to have basic knowledge of the following mathematical areas:

- Measure and integration theory, including the Radon Nikodym theorem
- Stochastic differential equations
- The Kolmogorov backward equation
- The Feynman-Kac representation Theorem
- The Ito formula
- The Girsanov Theorem
- The stochastic integral representation Theorem for Wiener martingales

The students are also assumed to be familiar with elementary theory for arbitrage free pricing and hedging of European derivatives within the Black-Scholes model.

Course Content:

1. Extensions of the Black.-Scholes model: Dividends, currency derivatives.
2. Incomplete markets: Pricing in a factor model, the market price of risk.
3. The martingale approach to arbitrage pricing. Martingale measures. The first and second fundamental theorems.
4. Interest rate theory: Short rate models, affine term structures, inversion of the yield curve, forward rate models, the HJM approach.
5. Change of numeraire: The normalized economy, pricing in a new numeraire, forward measures, the general option pricing formula, forward and futures contracts.
6. LIBOR and swaption market models.

Literature:

Tomas Björk: "Arbitrage Theory in Continuous Time", 2nd ed. Oxford University Press 2004

[Lecture notes](#)

Time Schedule:

Mon,	Apr 20,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Tue,	Apr 21,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Wed,	Apr 22,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Thu,	Apr 23,	11.30-13.00 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Mon,	Apr 27,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Tue,	Apr 28,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Wed,	Apr 29,	11.00-12.30 & 14.00-15.30, SZ VI
Thu,	Apr 30,	09:00-13.00 SZ VI

Location:

Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna
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Examination:

[Exam of 2007](#)

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