R M - Risk Management

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Lower-Division Courses

Upper-Division Courses


This course is used to record credit the student earns while enrolled at another institution in a program administered by the University’s Study Abroad Office or the school’s BBA Exchange Programs. Credit is recorded as assigned by the study abroad adviser in the Department of Information, Risk, and Operations Management. University credit is awarded for work in an exchange program; it may be counted as coursework taken in residence. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary.

R M 357E. Introduction to Risk Management.

Same as Urban Studies 321R. Principles of risk management for individuals and organizations, financial aspects of insurance companies and markets, industry structure, managerial aspects of underwriting and pricing, and public policy issues. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Only one of the following may be counted: Risk Management 357E, Urban Studies 321R, 351 (Topic: Intro to Risk Management), 351 (Topic 6).

R M 369K. Managing Employee Risks and Benefits.

Risk management issues involving financial consequences of life and health contingencies, health care finance, company management, pension planning, economics of industry structure, and public policy issues. Three lecture hours a week for one semester.

R M 376. Quantitative Methods in Finance.

Explores quantitative methods and techniques in optimization and simulation, and their use in financial decision making. Discusses theory and application in portfolio selection, options and other derivative pricing, index tracking, risk measures, volatility estimating. Specific topics will include linear, quadratic, nonlinear, and integer programming; dynamic programming; robust optimization; Monte Carlo methods and variance reduction techniques. Emphasis will be placed on problem solving with advanced computational programming languages. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.


Analysis of property-liability risks of businesses, risk management tools, risk financing, and insurance contracts for financial planning purposes; investment and underwriting operations, market structures, and insurance regulation. Three lecture hours a week for one semester.


Graduate Courses

R M 391. Topics in Decision Analysis.

Three lecture hours a week for one semester. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing; additional prerequisites vary with the topic.

- Topic 1: Decision Analysis. Descriptive and normative principles of decision making. Additional prerequisite: Admission to the PPA or MPA program or consent of instructor.
- Topic 2: Managing Decisions under Risk. State-of-the-art methods and tools to analyze risky decisions and design optimal strategies. Practical knowledge and practice are emphasized.
- Topic 3: Research Issues in Decision Making. Talks by students and faculty members with research interests in decision making, and group discussion of the talks and of students’ decision-related research. Additional prerequisite: Admission to the doctoral program in the Department of Information, Risk, and Operations Management.
- Topic 4: Behavioral Decision Theory. The psychology of decision making: how and why our judgments are more fallible than we ordinarily suppose, and the extent to which predictive judgment can be improved through use of normative strategies that tell us how we should make judgments and decisions.

R M 192, 292, 392. Topics in Quantitative Finance.

For each semester hour of credit earned, one lecture hour a week for one semester. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

- Topic 1: Modeling and Optimization in Finance.
- Topic 4: Mathematical Finance.
- Topic 5: Computational Finance.

R M 194, 294, 394. Topics in Business Analytics.

Restricted to students admitted to the Master of Science in Information, Risk, and Operations Management program. Selected topics in business analytics. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.


For each semester hour of credit earned, one lecture hour a week for one semester. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

- Topic 1: Corporate Risk Management. Analysis of risk management and security needs of businesses and individuals; related insurance coverages and other tools available to deal with risk.
- Topic 5: Managing Environmental Risk.
- Topic 6: Risk Analysis and Management.
- Topic 7: Managing International Risk. The global aspects of risk management; basic risk and crisis management principles pertinent to multinational firms; financially, legally, and culturally multinational marketplaces such as reinsurance markets, captive offshore insurance.

Professional Courses