

Financial Markets

B.1.2.1.6

Degree: Bachelor

Year: 3

Semester: Spring

General workload: 5 ECTS credits, 180 hours

Goal of the course

To acquire fundamental knowledge of the nature, operational mechanisms of debt instruments, share instruments and derivative instruments found on the financial market and their practical use skills.

Objectives of the course

- To examine the concept of a financial market and its main segments
- To acquire in-depth knowledge of shares, bonds, promissory notes, derivatives, their use in economic entities' operations
- To examine the financial market institutional structure, operational characteristics and participants' interaction
- To introduce the modern stock exchange structure and operations
- To acquire knowledge of the basics of financial market investment (fundamental and technical) analysis
- To acquire knowledge of the principles of trading in financial instruments, methods of their valuation, the techniques of dealing with securities and derivatives.

Key didactic units

The role and functions of financial markets in the economy. Financial market instruments. Equity securities. Debt instruments. Financial derivative instruments. Financial market institutions. Stock exchange. Characteristics of the institutional structure of Russia's and the leading foreign countries' financial markets. Investment and investment analysis. Regulation of the financial market operations.

Place of the discipline within the curriculum

The course is an elective within the professional training module in the curriculum of bachelor program No. 080100 in Economics (concentration: International Finance). The course is based upon the knowledge acquired when taking courses in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Money, Credit, Banks, Banks, International Economic Relations and the Global Economy, International Monetary, Currency and Financial Relations, Finance, Mathematical Analysis, Accounting and Account Analysis.

Upon completing the course, the students should:

Know:

- The concept of a financial market and its segments;
- The main financial instruments and their characteristics;
- Financial market participants, their functions and principles of interaction;
- Key methods of financial instrument valuation;

- Key laws regulating financial market operations.

Be able to:

- Use theoretical knowledge of the financial markets when making investment and other economic decisions;
- Make investment analysis independently and make investment decisions;
- Explain the basic financial market operational principles to non-professionals;

Have:

- Systemic knowledge of the Russian and international financial market structure and development trends;
- Skills needed to analyze economic processes that are going on in the financial markets.

Course structure: lectures, seminars, student independent work

Summative assessment: examination