FINN 6216: Quantitative Risk Management  
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Class Meeting Day/Time: Tuesday 5:30pm – 8:15pm, 1102 Center City  
Office hours: After class or by special arrangement  

Prerequisites: MATH 6203 plus basic knowledge of multivariate probability and statistics. FINN 6210 recommended.  


Additional References:  

*Counterparty Credit Risk, Collateral and Funding*, by Damiano Brigo, Massimo Morini and Andrea Pallavicini, 2013, John Wiley & Sons.  


**Course Objective:**  

The purpose of this course is to provide a quantitative treatment of risk management primarily from an institutional and regulatory perspective. In this way it will differ from other courses that cover risk but more from a front-office trading and hedging perspective. The emphasis is on learning to create models aiming to protect a bank or other financial institution from
damaging losses, insolvency and instability resulting from market risk, credit risk, illiquidity, model risk and counterparty default risk. In addition, the Basel regulatory regime, which has received revisions and enhancements over the past 15 years, will play a major role and hence a recurring theme is the goal of creating risk management methodologies that satisfy the regulators and also maintaining capital levels that the regulators require.

**List of Topics:**

What is Risk Management, and why is it important?  
Basel I, II, 2.5, III and IV modeling and capital requirements overview  
Value at Risk (VaR), definition, basic properties and examples  
VaR models based on analytical approximations  
VaR models based on historical simulation  
VaR models based on Monte Carlo simulation  
Multivariate models – definitions, fitting and simulation  
Copulas  
Conditional models including ARMA and GARCH models  
Aggregate risk, Expected Shortfall and coherence  
Credit risk and Incremental Risk Charge

Counterparty risk including potential future exposure, credit valuation adjustment, debit valuation adjustment, right-way and wrong-way risk.

Liquidity and funding, if time permits.

**Course Structure**

The course will consist of 14 lectures, 4 homework assignments (total of 60 points), and a take-home final (40 points). There will be no in-class exams due to the complexity of the material and the requirement for access to real-world data.

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