

**York University**  
**Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies**  
**School of Administrative Studies**

AP/ADMS 4501 A 3.00 Advanced Portfolio Management  
**Winter 2024 - Course Outline (as of Jan 11, 2024)**

Instructors, Class Hours, Delivery Method and Locations

- Dates: Classes for the Winter 2024 session begin on Mon Jan 8 and end on Mon Apr 8.
- The Final Exam will be held between Apr 10 and 25 (to be announced later by the Registrar's Office)

Instructor	Email	Section	Delivery/Location	Day/Time (ET)
Muz Parkhani	parkhani@yorku.ca	O	Lecture/In-person Classroom: ACW 009	Mon: 7pm to 10pm
Gaina Samarah	gainas@yorku.ca	N	Lecture/In-person Classroom: ACW 304	Wed: 11:30am to 2:30pm

Course Description:

This course undertakes a rigorous study of the theory and empirical evidence relevant to professional portfolio management. Students learn tools which enable them to manage risks, allocate among asset classes, detect mispriced securities, and measure the performance of portfolio managers.

Delivery Method: (IMPORTANT)

The course consists of twelve 3-hour lectures, with ten lectures being in-person and the remaining two lectures completed offline (asynchronous) or via Zoom (synchronous).

**Both the midterm and final exams will be written in-person at York's Keele campus .**

The course is run as a flipped course, meaning students are required to review the Voice-over-PowerPoint slides and other posted files before the lectures. **The lectures will review key points only and hold in-class assignments that apply the information in the slides. Students are expected to attend all classes and participate in classroom lectures.**

All files and folders will be posted on eClass: <https://eclass.yorku.ca/eclass/my>

Classroom discussions and student presentations are an integral part of the course and may be tested on the exams. More information regarding presentations is outlined on page 3.

Pre-requisites:

Students without the following pre-requisites will be de-enrolled:

- Pre-requisites: **AP/ADMS 2320; AP/ADMS 3531**

## Required Course Materials:

1. Textbook: Bodie *et al.*, "Investments" 10th Canadian edition  
McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2022

### Options for textbook:

A) McGraw Hill Connect online resources (includes e-textbook; appx cost: \$90)  
(See your 45P1 eClass site for link); OR

b) Hardcopy textbook (10<sup>th</sup> Ed) (<https://bookstore.yorku.ca/>)

c) Used hardcopy textbook (10<sup>th</sup> Ed) – please make sure you have the one shown here



*Note: We will not be using the Connect resources this term, so Connect does not have to be purchased, unless you are using it for the e-textbook.*

2. Financial Calculator - Recommended models: Texas Instruments BAII Plus, Hewlett-Packard 10BII, or Sharp EL-738C.

## Evaluation:

- Midterm Exam 35% (Friday Feb 16, 6pm to 8pm)
- Final Exam 40% (TBA)
- Group Presentation 10%
- Lecture participation marks 8%
- In-class Assignments 7%

## Presentations

Groups will be formed by the second week of the term. Presentations may be tested on the exams in addition to being worth 10% of the course grade. More information about the presentations, along with samples, will be posted at the beginning of the term.

## Missed Midterm Examination

**There is no makeup midterm exam.** For students who miss the midterm exam, no documentation is required, but those students will write a comprehensive final exam, which will be longer and cover more material from the first half of the course than the regular final exam. The weight of the missed midterm will transfer to the comprehensive exam.

## Deferred Standing – Missed Final Exam

Deferred standing may be granted to students who are unable to write their final examination at the scheduled time or to submit their outstanding course work on the last day of classes. In order to apply for deferred standing in an AP/ADMS class, students must register at

<http://sas-app.laps.yorku.ca>

The DSA and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than five (5) business days from the date of the final exam. These requests will be considered on their merit and decisions will be made available by logging into the same link as above. No individualized communication will be sent from the School to the students (no letter or e-mails).

For students who miss both the midterm and final exam, they must also submit a DSA form. If approved, those students will write a deferred comprehensive final exam. (See "Missed Midterm section for details)

The deferred exam period for Fall will most likely be the third weekend in January.

The deferred exam period for Winter exams will most likely be the **third weekend in May.**

### Academic honesty and integrity

In this course, we strive to maintain academic integrity to the highest extent possible. Breaches of academic integrity range from cheating to plagiarism (i.e., the improper crediting of another's work, the representation of another's ideas as your own, etc.). All instances of academic dishonesty in this course will be reported to the appropriate university authorities, and can be punishable according to the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty.

<https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/>

Relevant University /LA&PS/ School Regulations

The regulations on many aspects of coursework that apply to you are on this site:

<http://sas.laps.yorku.ca/students/>

You are responsible for understanding and following these regulations.

Detailed Course Schedule – please see your section's eClass site.

- Section O's first class is Monday, January 8
- Section N's first class is Wednesday, January 10

## Tentative Course Schedule

Lecture	Textbook (eBook) Material/Posted files	Assignments/Quizzes/Present.
1 Jan 8, 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch.5 – Return and Risk</li> <li>Overview of course and assessments</li> <li>Stock valuation review (posted file)</li> <li>Bond valuation review (posted file)</li> <li>Intro to Lecture 2</li> </ul>	Assignment 1 (in-class) (1%)
2 Jan 15, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch. 17 Macroeconomic &amp; Industry Analysis</li> <li>How the Economic Machine Works (Ray Dalio Video)</li> </ul>	Assignment 2 (in-class) (1%) Presentation groups formed/topics assigned
3 Jan 22, 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current events/issues for today's Portfolio Managers (file to be posted)</li> </ul>	Assignment 3 (in-class) (1%) Presentations Outline – due next class
4 Jan 29, Jan 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch.10 – APT and Multifactor Models (includes review of MPT and CAPM)</li> </ul>	Assignment 4 (in-class) (1%) (Draft outline for presentation =1 %)
5 Feb 5, 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch. 16 - Managing Bond Portfolios</li> </ul>	Assignment 5 (in-class) (1%)
6 Feb 12, 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch.26 – Hedge Funds</li> </ul>	Assignment 6 (in-class) (1%)
Friday Feb 16 6pm to 8pm	<p><b>Midterm Exam:</b> Material Tested: Lectures 1 to 6 (incl. posted files and classroom discussions)</p>	Location: TBD
Feb 17-23	<p><b>Reading week</b></p>	
7 Feb 26, Feb 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introductions to ETFs (posted file)</li> <li>Non-traditional ETFs (posted file)</li> <li>Presentations overview/sample</li> <li>Presentations work period! (one hour +)</li> </ul>	
8 Mar 4, 6	<p><u>Offline (asynchronous) lecture</u> <u>No in-person class</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ch.24 – Portfolio Performance Evaluation</li> </ul>	Assignment 7 (1%) by email to your instructor

9 Mar 11, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Alternative Investments (posted file)</li> </ul>	Presentations 1-3
10 Mar 18, 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ch.25 – International Diversification</li> </ul>	Presentations 4-6
11 Mar 25, 27	Ch.28 – Investment Policy and CFA Framework	Presentations 7-9
12 April 1, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exam Review Class</li> <li>• Online Course Evaluation</li> </ul>	

### Final Exam

- Final Exam Date – to be announced by R.O. later (between Apr 10 and 25)
- Material Tested: Lectures 7 to 12 (incl. posted files and classroom discussions)