

FINA 292 Thomson Reuters Certification Program Spring 2009

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Lecture:

LA1: Monday 15:00-15:50

LA2: Monday 10:30-11:20

Hand on Exercise:

You are required to have **one-hour** hand on exercise in the lab **every week** (week 3 – week 9, totally 7 sessions) before Assessment.

Scheduled hand-on session: Every Wednesday, 10:00- 11:00 or 11:00-12:00.

Thomson Reuters Assessment: April 6- April 8.

Venue: Room 4117, Financial Trading Lab, near lift # 19

Course Description:

This is a joint program developed by Finance Department and Thomson Reuters Markets Academy aiming to help students be familiarized with the market information by obtaining hands-on experience provided by the Financial Trading Lab.

It covers the basic functionalities of Reuters data system - 3000 Xtra, which contains an information data system, Kobra, and Excel-add on, PowerPlus Pro. The classes start by 5 core modules, which are Introduction, Searching Data, Screen Design, Graphics and Pre-built Models and data retrieval in Excel, and then followed with a review session and some special workshops. Students are expected to learn how to search for the financial information and news for various instruments, to get charts and screens for trading, and to download real time/ historical data for analysis. Upon completion the 5 core modules of the course, students will be eligible in attending the Thomson Reuters Certification Assessment. Certificates will be issued by Thomson Reuters to those who have achieved satisfactory results.

The sessions after the assessment will be arranged for special workshops, such as e-training or basic PowerPlus Pro Model discussion. Those sessions are offered to help students to apply the skills learned from 3000 Xtra to build up market data-linking financial models. This could enhance students' understandings and skills in financial markets.

Prerequisites: FINA 111: Financial Management

Course Requirement:

- Attend every lecture
- Perform hand-on exercises every week (it is important for students to familiar the database by practicing more for the Certification Assessment)

Class Materials:

Notes and course materials will be delivered in class.