## BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

#### COURSE OUTLINE

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DATE	September 1994
Taught to _	Second Year
School	Business
Program _	Financial Management
Option	Finance
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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

(Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:)

- 1. Describe the nature and purpose of equity investment, its risks and rewards.
- 2. Understand the exchanges function of stock markets and the techniques for executing trades.
- 3. Identify the sources of investment information used by investors.
- 4. Understand the process by which the common shares of a company are valued.
- 5. Understand the correlation between stock prices and economic activity.
- 6. Comprehend the business cycle and its components and understand how these various elements move relative to one another.
- 7. Understand and compute the value of corporate equity based upon the notion of intrinsic value.
- 8. Forecast earnings per share of a company based upon an analysis of the present state of the economy, the current structure of the industry and the recent past of the company.
- 9. Comprehend the relationship between share prices and underlying earnings per share.
- 10. Understand the theory of technical analysis.

- 11. Apply the concepts of technical analysis to the valuation of an individual company's shares and appreciate the timing enhancement which results.
- 12. Describe the nature of fixed income securities.
- 13. Appreciate the impact of various features on the value of fixed income securities.
- 14. Judge the investment attractiveness of fixed income securities including an understanding of the rating agencies.
- 15. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of mutual funds as alternative forms of
- 16. Identify the practical considerations necessary in the construction of a personal porfoloio.
- 17. Explain the impact of tax on various forms of investment income.
- 18. Define the role and objectives of the Investment Dealer's Association.
- 19. Identify the major forms of legislation designed to protect the investor and ensure high levels of ethical standards within the securities industry.

### **EVALUATION**

Final Examination .	40	%
Mid-Term	30	%
Projects	15	%
Laboratory	15	%
Other (1)		%
(2)		%
(3)		%

## REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND EQUIPMENT

"The Canadian Securities Course", The Canadian Securities Institute.

### REFERENCE TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

## **COURSE SUMMARY**

This course teaches the students the fundamentals of investing in common shares. This includes a study of the nature and function of the stock market, the theoretical framework necessary to value common shares, an identification of the sources of those values, and sources of information.

# COURSE OUTLINE (continued)

Week Lecture		
or Lab	Material	
Number	Covered	Reference
1	Introduction	Chapter 1
2	Suppliers and users of investment capital and the Canadian Securities Industry.	Chapter 2, 3
3	Basics of incorporation and government bonds and debentures.	Chapter 4, 7
4	Corporate bonds and debentures	Chapter 8
5	Secondary bond market and judging investment quality	Chapter 9, 10
6	Preferred shares	Chapter 11
7	Mid-Term Exam	Chapters 1-10
8	Common stocks	Chapter 12
9	Factors affecting security prices and the Investment Dealer's Association	Chapter 13, 14
10	Stock exchanges in Canada and buying and selling equities	Chapter 15, 16
11	Buying and selling equities and Canadian Tax Law	Chapter 16, 17
12	Canadian mining and oil securities and special types of securities	
13	Investment portfolios and investor protection	Chapter 20, 21
14	Review .	
15	Final Exam	,