

**Course Outline**  
**FIN3103: Financial Markets**  
**(Semester I, 2014/2015)**

**Instructor:** DR. Meijun QIAN

**Recommended Textbooks:** Saunders, Anthony and Marcia Millon Cornett (2007), "Financial Markets and Institutions: An Introduction to the Risk Management Approach" 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, McGraw Hill

**Reference Textbooks:** Tan, Chwee Huat (1999), "Financial Markets and Institutions in Singapore" 10<sup>th</sup> edition, Singapore, Singapore University Press

**Prerequisites:** FIN2004

**Course Objective:**

The objective of this course is to give students a general and comparative understanding of the different financial markets and financial institutions in US, Singapore, and possibly around the world. The financial assets traded in these markets, the financial services and instruments these institutions offer, and the mechanisms and characteristics that influence the value of these assets and instruments. We will constantly refer to real examples to dig a deep understanding of the nature, design, and risks of the financial markets.

**Assessment: This is a 100% CA course**

Midterm quiz	30
Final Quiz	30
Projects	30
Class participation	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Duration (weeks)</b>	<b>Topics</b>
1	Introduction and a Review of the Recent Financial Crisis.
2	Financial Assets, Markets, and Institutions
2	The Debt Market
2	The Equity Market
2	The Derivatives Market
2	The Foreign Exchange Market
1	Financial Markets Looking Forward
Project presentations will blend together with lectures over the semester	