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# Investing 201: Intro to Commodity, Options, and Futures Markets





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### **Course Description**

Can you predict which direction corn prices will go? Are you the type of person who enjoys taking risks? Do you want to be a part of an often fast-paced, emotional environment? A career in futures trading can lead to a great income and a large bank account. You can trade with your own account or manage a portfolio for a group of clients. When trades go the right way, it can be one of the most exciting industries to be a part of. But it's not for everyone. There are significant financial risks, and trading without a firm knowledge of the marketplace can lead to a rapid loss of money. Not sure how it works? Well, if you're looking for a general understanding of the commodity and futures market, this course is for you.

This course on Investing 201: Commodity Markets and Futures Trading is a comprehensive class that takes you through the history and regulations of the marketplace, how trading works, exchanges and trading participants, and trading strategies and systems. You'll learn the lingo and how to read a chart. When you complete the course, you'll have the knowledge to take the next steps in becoming a futures trader.

If you think you have the patience to hold on while the market moves against you; if you can stomach a disappointing loss and move ahead with your trading strategy; if you have money to risk while you learn the ropes, then you may have the qualities to become a futures trader. Start by learning the basics with this informative course.

## Course Lessons

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#### **Lesson 1 - History of Commodities Markets**

This lesson offers a brief glimpse into the growth and development of commodities and futures trading in the U.S.

#### **Lesson 2 - Futures Markets**

Explore Futures markets at home and abroad by understanding trade and exchange organizations and how they work.

#### **Lesson 3 - The Contract**

This lesson explains the basic specifications that should be part of every futures contract.

#### **Lesson 4 - Contract Types**

There are many different types of futures contracts - this lesson explains them and their differences.

#### Lesson 5 - Making a Trade

This lesson explains what a trading account is and how to research and utilize resources to place orders.

#### Lesson 6 - Trading on Margin

Delve into trading margins and how to leverage trading capacity in this lesson.

#### **Lesson 7 - Regulatory Environment**

Rules and regulations in this field are essential. This lesson explains government regulations and their role in futures and commodity trading.

#### **Lesson 8 - How the Markets Work**

How does the futures market work? This lesson explains market processes, who engages in futures markets and what happens when orders are placed.

#### **Lesson 9 - Options**

This lesson explains options; options prices and how to buy, sell and manage options.

#### **Lesson 10 - Trading Strategies**

Understand two major trading strategy fundamentals and why they are important in futures trading practices.

#### Lesson 11 - Charts

This lesson covers a variety of charts used in the futures trading markets and how to use them to your best advantage for

making trading decisions.

#### **Lesson 12 - Trading Systems**

Learn how to develop a trading system for the futures market that will enhance success. This lesson explains several basic starting points for trading systems.

#### **Lesson 13 - Careers in Futures Trading**

This lesson briefly explores careers in futures trading as well as the requirements for membership or education in the field.

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