

CIS 3100 Guide to the Final Exam Evaluation, and GA 7

Outline

GA 7 and the final exam compliment each other; GA 7 is a draft of the paper due for the final exam. Students will have time in class to receive feedback on their paper, then deliver a final version for credit as the final exam.

Guidelines

1. The paper will be delivered in printed form for GA 7. Students should plan to attend each class before the end of the Fall semester, where they will receive coaching and feedback prior to the final.
2. The final exam is a version of the paper developed during GA 5, 6 and 7. It will compile a short list of 3, 2 or 1 single company which succeeds across all the financial analytic categories we discussed through each GA, this term. Students should prepare an arithmetic technique by which they provide an average of all the financial metrics (profitability, solvency, liquidity, etc), or weight one statistic more heavily than the others. An example of this would be preparing an average of all metrics, but discounting debt percentage by $\frac{1}{2}$, or overweighting profitability by a factor of 2, in order to skew results in favor of firms based on one or more metrics.
3. The final paper may be submitted digitally. Time permitting, students may attend the final exam, at the scheduled time, and receive feedback on their work up until the closing time for the exam, then submit the paper via dropbox. This is to maximize instruction time, and emphasize finished, intellectually creative work. This also allows maximum time for students to develop a thesis on the leading firms in a chosen industrial sector, an excellent portfolio piece and proof of preparation for an internship.
4. Team work on GA 7 and final exam is expected. Those who do not participate along agreed-upon lines, must anticipate being reported to the faculty. Teams may not allow members to shirk duties without reporting them. Equal participation is mandatory.
5. Use class time well. The classroom in the final days of the course will operate as a laboratory, where whiteboards, overheads, laptops and group meetings will tackle the complexity of the assignment. The instructor will spend extended periods with students. Office hours are also encouraged for use. They take place in room 1011 (conference room) in the CBA administration building, first floor between 2 and 3:45 pm, tuesday and thursday. Office hours are likely to be held during exam week, but must be reserved ahead of time, to ensure I am not held up in midday traffic, and use your time appropriately.