FM225: Fixed Income Securities, Debt Markets and the Macro Economy

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Class 1: Introduction and Overview of Debt Markets

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Administration

- 3-hour lecture & 1.5-hour class
- 2 exams 50% each (week 2 Wednesday & week 3 Friday)
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- Student enrolment key: FM22525
- Attendance for certificate (75% of classes)
- Welcome Reception: Today 5:30–7:30pm @ Basement, Centre Building (CBG)

Timetable

Week One		AM	PM	
14/07/2025	Monday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Classes - SAL.LG.03, SAL.LG.14, SAL.G.06	
15/07/2025	Tuesday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
16/07/2025	Wednesday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
17/07/2025	Thursday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
18/07/2025	Friday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
Week Two		AM	PM	
21/07/2025	Monday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Classes - SAL.LG.03, SAL.LG.14, SAL.G.06	
22/07/2025	Tuesday			
23/07/2025	Wednesday	Exams	Exams	
24/07/2025	Thursday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
25/07/2025	Friday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, LRB.5.02, SAL.G.06	
Week Three	Three AM		PM	
28/07/2025	Monday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, OLD.B.25, SAL.G.06	
29/07/2025	Tuesday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, OLD.B.25, SAL.G.06	
30/07/2025	Wednesday	Lecture - CBG.B1.02 (Auditorium)	Computer classes - CLM.B.09, OLD.B.25, SAL.G.06	
	Thursday	Lecture - CKK.LG.08 (Sheikh Zaved Theatre)	Classes - SAL.LG.03, SAL.LG.14, SAL.G.06	
31/07/2025				
31/07/2025 01/08/2025	Friday	Exams	Exams	

Lecture 1 Review

- Markets: government debt, money, repo, derivatives
- Players: issuers, intermediaries, investors and their objectives
- No arbitrage: identical payoff \Rightarrow same price: replication
- Risks: interest rate, credit, liquidity, contractual, inflation (TIPS), special event, tax, FX

Question 1 U.S. Treasury Market

• 4 main securities in U.S. Treasury market:

Type	Maturity	Coupon Rate	Principal
Bills	4, 13, 26, 52 weeks	-	Fixed
Notes	2, 5, 10 years	Fixed, semi-annual	Fixed
Bonds	30 years	Fixed, semi-annual	Fixed
TIPS	5, 10, 20 years	Fixed, semi-annual	Inflation Adjusted

Question 2 Repo Market Concepts

Key words:

- short-term borrowing
- liquid collateral: treasury security

Answer: Repo Market

- borrowing is collateralized \Rightarrow lower borrowing rate
- \bullet high-demand treasury security \Rightarrow Repo rate is even lower than the general collateral rate

Question 3 Repo Transaction

• Schematic Representation (Julliard & Peng Slide 44):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{time } t \\ \hline \\ \text{MARKET} & \stackrel{\text{buy bond at } P_t}{\longleftrightarrow} & \hline \\ \text{pay } P_t & \hline \\ \hline \\ \text{TRADER} & \stackrel{\text{deliver bond}}{\longleftrightarrow} & \hline \\ \text{get } P_t - \text{haircut} \\ \hline \\ \text{time } T = t + n \text{ days} \\ \hline \\ \text{MARKET} & \stackrel{\text{sell bond at } P_T}{\longleftrightarrow} & \hline \\ \text{get } P_T & \hline \\ \text{get } P_T & \hline \\ \text{pay } (P_t - \text{haircut}) \times (1 + \text{repo rate} \times \frac{n}{360}) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Question 3 cont.

- Repo interest payment: $(P_t h) \times r \times \frac{n}{360}$
- Return on Capital: $\frac{P_T P_t (P_t h) \times \frac{nr}{360}}{h}$

Question 4

Question 4 Reverse Repo Transaction

• Schematic Representation (Julliard & Peng Slide 46):

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \text{time } t \\ \hline \\ \text{MARKET} & \stackrel{\text{sell bond at } P_t}{\bigoplus_{\text{get } P_t}} & \stackrel{\text{borrow bond}}{\longleftarrow_{\text{REPO DEALER}}} \\ \hline \\ \text{time } T = t + n \text{ days} \\ \hline \\ \text{MARKET} & \stackrel{\text{buy bond at } P_T}{\longleftarrow_{\text{pay } P_T}} & \stackrel{\text{give bond back}}{\longleftarrow_{\text{REPO DEALER}}} \\ \hline \\ \text{get back } P_t \times (1 + \text{repo rate} \times \frac{n}{360}) \\ \hline \end{array}$

• Profit:
$$P_t \times \left(1 + \frac{nr}{360}\right) - P_T$$