INSPER COURSES 2015 (1st semester)
Electives taught in English

AGRIBUSINESS
(Agronegócios)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

OBJECTIVE: This course applies business management and economic concepts to Agribusiness. It is discussed the competitive strategies adopted by agri-input companies, farmers, food and distribution companies. Students will be encouraged to discuss Brazilian and international case studies. As a result of this course, it is expected that a student will be able to discuss the particularities of agribusiness and will be able to apply business management and economic concepts as an integrated framework to evaluate a particular sector of the economy.

SUMMARY: Presentation of agribusiness origins and its importance to Brazil and to global economy. Study of the agro-industrialization process in developed countries and in emerging markets, it will be discussed the agro-industrialization implications to the coordination of agribusiness system. Discussion about the particularities of cooperatives and family firms in agribusiness, with emphasis in strategic and organizational challenges. Evaluation of competitive strategies adopted by agri-input firms, farmers, food and distribution firms. Analysis of key-challenges for Brazilian access in the international agribusiness commerce.

CONTENTS:

- Course introduction: objective, organization and expectations about the course
- Definition of agribusiness concept
- The central problem: the “farm problem”
- Economic importance of agribusiness in Brazil and in the world
- Key agribusiness sectors: agri-inputs, farming production, food transformation, wholesale and retail distribution
- Agro-industrialization
- Market consolidation and vertical coordination
- Implications to firms and farmers strategies
- Determinant factors to agro-industrialization: biotechnology, information and communication technology, new food consumption patterns.
- Agriculture cooperatives: economic importance in Brazil and in the world; economic reasons for cooperative formation; theory of the cooperative firm; new organizational model for cooperatives
- Family firms in agribusiness: management and ownership succession process; growth challenges; corporate governance and initial public offering (IPO); new models to access investor’s capital
- Competitive strategies in the agri-input industry: technology innovation and R&D strategies; business networks in biotechnology
- Competitive strategies in the farm level: origin certified, collective branding, biotechnology, business networks
- Competitive strategies in food processing industry: diversification, internationalization, new products introduction
- Competitive strategies in food wholesale and distribution channels: quality standards and private certifications, logistics and supply chain
- The government role: public policy that affects agribusiness
- The duality of small family production and family business production
- Brazilian agribusiness position in the international commerce: distortions in the commodity markets, multilateral negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO), sugar and cotton pannels.
- Commodity market: spot, future and options
- Agribusiness and environment: sustentability

**BASIC REFERENCES**

17. Case studies
ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT
(Topics in Macroeconomics III)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

PRE-REQUISITES: Macroeconomic and Econometrics courses

OBJECTIVE: To present to the students in the final stages of the Undergraduate programs in Economics and Management the data sources, indicators and analysis methods of the state of the economy in the short run. The idea is to prepare the students for future demands of the labor market, offering them potential for practical analysis and interpretation of the short run movements of the economy.


CONTENTS:
1. Level of Activity: the real side of the economy.
2. Employment and Income.
3. Inflation and Monetary Policy
5. External Sector and the World Economy.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY:
3. Banco Central do Brasil. Relatório de Inflação, diversos números

GENERAL ORIENTATIONS:

Exams
There will be a midterm and a final exam. The idea is to evaluate how much of the content of the course is understood by the class.

Reports
The students will be divided in groups and will present reports about specific aspects of the economic environment. After the presentations, the reports will be discussed with the whole class.

Participation.
The evaluation of the participation in class aims to stimulate the practice of discussion and the construction of solid arguments.
DECISION MAKING AND NEGOTIATION  
(Teoria das Decisões e Negociação)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

PRE-REQUISITE: Student must be fluent in English

OBJECTIVES: Negotiation is a core management competency. This course presents conceptual models, tactical approaches and self-assessment tools to help you develop your negotiation skills. We will rely on a balanced mix of case studies, classroom experiences in negotiation, readings and group exercises. Successful negotiation skills do not come through passive learning – you will need to challenge yourself, and the course will provide timely feedback and opportunities to refine your negotiation strategies on a repeated basis. Conceptual models will be presented in an intuitive fashion rather than rigorous quantitative development. There will be a special focus on problem structuring and solving as well as interpreting the results of each negotiation done in class so as to educate your mental process (decision making) in the context of dispute resolution. By the end of the course it is expected that each participant has developed his/her ability to successfully negotiate, especially in four aspects: efficacy in achieving results, process efficiency, stress reduction and preservation of personal relationships. Attendance and preparation are mandatory, as well as the readings assigned for each topic.

CONTENTS:
1. Essentials of Negotiation
2. Preparation and Research – PSS and negotiation dynamics
3. Decision-making process – models and biases
4. Two Party, one issue – Distributive Negotiation
5. Two party, multiple issues – Integrative Negotiation
6. Team negotiation
7. Multiple parties, multiple issues
8. Internal negotiations
9. Cross Cultural Negotiation
10. Special topics (social dilemmas, ADRs)

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY: required readings (BB)

2. Shell, G. Richard – Bargaining for advantage (Negociar é Preciso);Negócio, 2001
ECONOMIC HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA
(Tópicos em História Economica I)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

OBJECTIVE: The goal of this discipline is to understand the key financial crisis that the main South and Central American countries experienced during the 20th century and to investigate the different impacts it had in distinct countries

SUMMARY:
The main goal of this discipline is to present the key financial, banking and currency crisis that the main Latin American countries experienced during the 20th century. Countries like Uruguay, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Colombia are some examples of places that experienced deep financial crisis during this period. In part because of different economic roots, these countries also presented different reasons for such crisis. We will analyze these countries and the competing explanation for the crisis. The related political and social framework that these countries were experiencing will also be considered.

A second part of this course is the role of the international lending agencies, with special emphasis to the International Monetary Fund. In other words, what is the role of the IMF and how its relationship with Latin American countries evolved through time is a theme that we will explored. The role of the World Bank, ECLAD and IDB are also explored in the course and we will contrast their approach towards the development of Latin American countries.

An immense drawback of such a history of financial crisis is the external debt crisis of the 1980s in South America. In turn, a third block of this course are the reasons for the external debt crisis and the solution implemented by the Brady plan. We will study the role of the Bradies in spreading out the Russian crisis to South America on one hand as well as the positive aspects (in terms of differentiation among the countries) that the Brady bonds brought to Latin countries.

We use traditional macroeconomic models to link the crisis and to understand why different countries experienced similar financial crisis in distinct times of history. We also make extensive use of HBS cases.

CONTENTS:

- The 1980s External Debt Crisis in South America: Reasons, Impacts and Solutions
- The Response to the 1980s External Debt Crisis – The Baker and Brady Plan
- The 1983 Chilean Banking Crisis and the 1990s Imposition of Capital
- The 1994 Tequila Crisis
- The 1999 Brazil Currency Crisis
- The 2001 Sovereign Default and Financial Crisis in Argentina
- The Role of Populism in Triggering Financial Crisis
- The Washington Consensus and the 1990s Economic Reforms in Latin America
- Should We Create an International Bankruptcy Court? Redefining the IMF Role in Solving Financial Crisis
- Good Policy Versus Good Luck: Why Latin American Countries were Not affected by the latest financial crisis
- The ‘this time is different syndrome’. Similarities among the financial crisis
BIBLIOGRAPHY:


33. World Economic Outlook (2010). To be released in April, 2010

**REQUIRED BOOKS:**


**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**


8. Leonardo Hernandez (Editor), Klaus Schmidt-Hebbel (Editor). *Banking, Financial Integration, and International Crises* (Central Bank of Chile Series on Central Banking, Analysis, and Economic Policies, Vol. 3) (Hardcover). Chile: Central Bank of Chile
12. Paul Beckerman (Editor), Andres Solimano (Editor). *Crisis and Dollarization in Ecuador: Stability, Growth, and Social Equity* (Directions in Development) (Paperback), World Bank Publications, 2002
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
(Tópicos em Administração III)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours


OBJECTIVES:
The objectives of this course are:

■ To present and discuss the development the following concepts: Environmental Management, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility;
■ To critically analyze, through cases, the environmental and social problems/risks and opportunities, and managerial practices regarding sustainability of companies;
■ To present and discuss the main tools companies are using in order to analyze opportunities and risks related to sustainability issues (environmental and social);
■ At the end of the course, students would be able:
■ To identify typical sustainability problems, dilemmas and opportunities;
■ To implement sustainability issues into companies’ strategy (planning, execution, and control).

Typical problems are derived from systemic anchor of the program (shown below) that illustrates the key elements of an organization, and its key interrelationships with the external environment.
**SUMMARY:** Companies, in many industries, have faced several challenges, involving risks or business opportunities, regarding environmental and social issues. Much of these issues are related to the lack of veracity and access of good information about the "state" of the Environment and of Social Relations and knowledge about the tools available in order to implement sustainability. Moreover, the uncertainties of environmental regulations, as well as the growing attention to accountability and transparency regarding companies’ efforts on environmental and social performance, has required an expansion of business relationships, beyond those conventional: suppliers, employees and customers. In this context, managers need to understand how environmental and social factors (stakeholders) can create or destroy value.

This course focuses on identifying risks and opportunities for creating value from environmental and social issues, as well as their applications. The course will also prepare future managers to be able to identify, establish dialogue and "course of action" with different stakeholders.

**Setting the Ground: contextualization**

- Growth x Development (conceptual differences): Sustainable Development, Corporate Environmental Sustainability, and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Environmental and social problems of the World.

**Economics? Or Political Economy of the Environment?**

- Environmental Economics and Natural Resources Theory;
- Economics of Pollution and Global Warming;
- Environmental Policy and Regulation.

**Environmental Management: how companies are dealing with this in order to create value?**

Corporate Environmental Management;

- Innovation;
- Eco-efficiency;
- Green Market;

**Corporate Social Responsibility: how companies are dealing with this in order to create value?**

Stakeholder Theory and Management: Who are them? What they want? What I want from them? How can a company communicate with them?

**Sustainability and Strategy:**

- Triple Bottom Line;
- Innovation and Sustainability: stages of sustainable strategy;
- Planning and Execution of Sustainable Strategy: Mission, Vision, Values, Corporate Strategy;
- Triple Control: GRI, Global Compact, DJSI, ISE, Triple Balanced Score Card.
INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT
(Gestão Internacional)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

OBJECTIVES: International Management is an interdisciplinary field within Administration that emerged in response to the ever increasing globalization of business processes and the needs of management to take into account issues that transcend national and cultural boundaries. This class will approach topics in International Management from both theoretical and applied perspectives, attempting to explore the ways in which management can shift its ways of thinking about organization in a global context, and how such thinking can lead to practical changes in managerial behavior and organizational structures.

SUMMARY: In addition to discovering what the discipline of International Management entails, you will be encouraged to apply and/or translate Management theories into current real world issues and applications. This course will use a combination of learning methods, including lectures, class discussion, writing assignments, and in-class exercises. Because of the rapidly changing nature of global business and the interdisciplinary influences in the field, this course will NOT be based on simply memorizing complex administrative or economic models, but will instead attempt to get a flavor for the different ways that managers can deal with international challenges and opportunities. Thus, while there will be exams, a large part of your grade will be based on short assignments, in-class discussion and group presentations (very hands on), with a focus on engagement of the material.

CONTENT:

1. Introduction to international business
2. Internationalization of the entrepreneurial firm
3. Industry competition in international business
4. Resources and capabilities in international business
5. Foreign market entry strategies
6. Alliances and acquisitions
7. Government and multinational companies
8. Ethics in international business
9. Global mindset of people and organizations
10. International negotiation

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

2. Articles covering cross-cultural and similar issues will be provided by the professor.
PRICING OF DERIVATIVES
(Precificação de Derivativos)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

PRE-REQUISITES: The student must be familiar with:
- Present value and internal rate of return computation
- Arbitrage (as a self-financing, profitable and riskless opportunity)
- Normal distribution (properties of the distribution and use of standard normal distribution tables)
- Risk (standard deviation of rates of return)
- Corporate financial decisions (capital structure and firm value)

OBJECTIVE:
To convey the concept of “derivative asset” and demonstrate the abundance of applications of the analysis of the properties and valuation of derivative instruments to the discussion and solution of various business and investment risk management problems.

OUTLINE:
Analysis of the role of arbitrage in the pricing of derivative instruments; demonstration of the use of combinations of assets and derivatives in the creation of derivative securities; application of spreadsheet modeling to pricing solution development; extension of pricing solutions to the analysis of investment, credit and financing issues, as well as to executive compensation schemes.

In terms of the school’s conceptual anchor, this course contributes to the development of knowledge about “risk and return” in the “financial capital” market and its role in the creation of value for both “firms” and “households”.

COURSE TOPICS:
- Hedging, speculation and arbitrage.
- Fixed income asset pricing.
- Pricing of forward and futures contracts and swaps.
- Option pricing.
- Application of option pricing models to investment project analysis (“real options”), credit risk measurement, use of call options in executive compensation, embedded options in conventional financial instruments.
- Reading and understanding of published scientific work covering a course-related advanced topic.
## COURSE SCHEDULE:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Hedging, speculation and arbitrage: risk, return and creation of value with the use of derivatives.</td>
<td>Risk and arbitrage.</td>
<td>In all topics, student learning will be assessed through his/her performance in the midterm and final exams.</td>
<td>Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 1</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Pricing of fixed income assets and interest rate determination: credit and financing.</td>
<td>Computation of the present value of riskless cash flows.</td>
<td>Idem</td>
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<td>Mechanism of futures markets: risk and return.</td>
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<td>Hedging with futures contracts: risk and return.</td>
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<td>Pricing of forward and futures contracts: risk and return.</td>
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<td>Hedging of interest rate risk: risk and return.</td>
<td>Risk and arbitrage.</td>
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| 7    | Pricing of swaps: risk and return, credit.                           | Risk and arbitrage.                      | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 7  
| 8    | Mechanism of options markets: risk and return.                      | Contract terminology.                    | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 8  
| 9    | Properties of option prices: risk and return.                       | Risk and arbitrage.                      | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 9  
| 10   | Investment strategies with the use of options: risk and return.     | Risk and arbitrage.                      | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading, Hull, Ch. 10  
| 11   | Binomial option pricing model: risk and return.                     | Risk, arbitrage and present value computation. | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 11  
| 14   | Application of option pricing to credit risk measurement: risk and return; financing; creation of value. | Normal distribution. Capital structure. | Idem    | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Damodaran, Ch. 30  

**Notes:**
- Each week focuses on a specific topic related to financial markets and options.
- Lecture content includes various aspects such as arbitrage, risk calculation, and specific models like Black-Scholes.
- Reading materials are primarily from Hull and include chapters from Damodaran's book.
- The table format helps in organizing the course schedule and lecture content effectively.
| 15 | Application of option pricing to investment Project analysis: ("real options"): risk and return; investment; creation of value. | Normal distribution. Present value computation. | Idem | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Damodaran, Chs. 28 and 33 |
| 16 | Application of option pricing to executive incentive compensation programs: risk and return; creation of value. | Normal distribution. | Idem | Lecture and discussion of questions from readings. Reading: Hull, Ch. 14 |

**BASIC READINGS:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:**

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:**

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Students attending fewer than 75% of class meetings will automatically fail the course.

**GENERAL GUIDANCE:** Promptness and attendance will be required in classroom activities. It is recommended, for the optimal use of the course materials that the readings be made in advance of the class meetings indicated in the TOOLS column of the course schedule. Classes will be taught in English and students are required to participate in English in all class meetings.
SERVICE MARKETING
(Tópicos em Marketing I)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

The service sector is the largest element in virtually all advanced countries with developing nations following close behind. In response to this new configuration of the business arena, this course deals with a set of concepts, tools and analytical frameworks that will help students to think critically about services and to understand how managing services, understanding consumers and ultimately developing successful marketing strategies differ in key aspects from managing conventional marketing operations in the manufacturing sector.

The set of topics that will be covered in the course include:

- Fundamentals in Services Marketing: Characteristics and scope of the service sector and major differences between services and goods.
- Consumer Behavior related to Services: Understanding the Service Experience
- The GAPS model of Service Quality: Dealing with Consumer Expectations and Perceptions.
- Service Failure, Service Recovery and Complaints Management
- Relationship Marketing and Customer Loyalty in Services
- The Service-Dominant Logic: Employees’ and Consumers’ Role in Services
- Yield Management: Managing Demand and Capacity in the service sector
- Globalization of services: Dealing with Cross-Cultural Issues
- Trends and Opportunities in Services Marketing
THE CHINESE ECONOMY AND DOING BUSINESS IN
CHINA (Tópicos em Economia III)

COURSE LOAD: 80 Hours

SUMMARY: This course is sectioned in two parts: Chinese Economy (1st) and Doing Business in China (2nd). The aim of the first part (Chinese Economy) is to shed lights on the evolution of the Chinese Economy mainly after the opening up process led by Deng Xiaoping in 1979. From a Central Planned Economy (1949-1979) to an Entrepreneur Capitalist Economy (1980-1992) and later to a State Capitalist Economy or Socialist Economy with Chinese Characteristics, China has paved the way for its economy to become investment and export oriented. With consumption over GDP declining to 35% along with lower household income, the emergence of 2008 worldwide economic crisis led China to pursue sustainable ways to boost its economy what indeed might trigger positive and negative effects to the whole world.
The conflict that arises between economics and politics and the need for China’s economy to rebalance (more consumption oriented) and the time consuming endeavored to reach its final goal (higher GDP growth, legitimacy of CCP and rebalanced economy) may not be an easy task to accomplish in the short term.
The aim of the second part of this course (Doing Business in China) is to make the participants to become truly foreign entrepreneurs in China analyzing the main aspects that make business investments succeed locally: Issues such as the importance of Guanxi, how to enter the market (legal enter mode), different customers, different regions, different preferences, supply chain and human resources management should be addressed properly when planning to establish a plant, a Representative Office or outsourcing in China.

CHINESE ECONOMY

A. Central Planned Economy (1949-79)
B. Import Substitution Strategy (ISS) (1949-79)
C. Economic Reform - Deng Xiaoping (1979)
   c.1 Open Door Policy (Special Economic Zones)
   c.2. Responsibility System (Rural and Urban)
D. Economic Reforms and the rise of Capitalist Institutions
E. Tiananmen Interlude and the changes from an entrepreneur economy to a state economy
(Jiang Zhemin - Zhu Ronji era)
F. Rural – Urban inequality
G. Economic Growth Model: Investment and Export Oriented
H. Factors Distortions and Impacts on Household Income
I. Savings and Investments – Who saves anyway? Corporate or Households?
J. Exchange Rate Regime: The Role of the RMB (Yuan)
K. Chinese Monetary Policy: Impossible Trinity
K.1. Real Asset Bubbles
L. China’s Balance of Payments

M. Chinese Financial System
M.1. Banking System and Crony Capitalism
M.2. The role of Financial Repression in the Household Income (consumption / GDP)
M.3. Stock Market: QDII and QFII
M.4. Bonds Market
N. 2008 Crisis and the need for Economic Rebalancing (more consumption oriented)
O. New economic scenario between Brazil and China: Inflow of Chinese FDI

P. Saving Glut Theory
Q. Relation US vs China

DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA
A. Who? China: Different Consumers, Different Regions (Many Chinas)
B. Where? Analysis of the North-East, South-East, Central and Central West regions (consumption levels, wages, infra-structure, natural resources, etc)
C. Guanxi: Why it is so important? Cultural (Confucianism) and Historically (transition economy)
D. Chinese Government: Different levels
E. For What? Exports or Domestic Market
F. How? Legal Enter Mode: Agent, RepOffice, Outsourcing, Wholly Foreign Company or Joint Venture
G. Choice of Partners: Criteria and Risks
H. Supply Management
I. Distributors Management - FIGHT FOR
THE MIDDLE
J. Human Resources
K. Headquarter’s View
L. Local Financing (RMB denominated loan) and Buyer’s Credit (China Eximbank)

MANDATORY BOOKS
1. The Chinese Economy: Transitions and Growth
Barry Naughton
The MIT Press

SUGGESTED BOOKS


5. Debating China's Exchange Rate Policy