

BRN 481
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Schedule

Fri-Sat, May 11-12, 3 hours of asynchronous on-line content

Tues, May 29, 12:30-3:45 PM

Weds May 30, 8:30-11:45 AM

Mon, June 4, 12:30-3:45 PM (Case 1 due)

Weds June 6, 8:30-11:45 AM

Fri June 8, 8:30-11:45 AM (Case 2 due)

Weds June 13, 8:30-11:45 AM

Fri June 15, 8:30-11:45 AM (Case 3 due)

Mon, June 18, 8:30-10 AM (exam)

Textbook

The required text for the course is:

**Bodie, Kane & Marcus, Investments,
(11th ed.), Irwin, 2018**

Grading

Your grade will be based on:

- **3 group cases (each worth 15%)**
- **Class participation (15%)**
- **Final exam on 6/18 (worth 40%)**

Topics covered in BRN 481

- **Statistical properties of stock returns**
- **Bond markets & interest rates**
- **Portfolio selection**
- **Asset pricing models**
- **Efficient markets**
- **Behavioral Finance**
- **Mutual funds and performance evaluation**
- **Options & futures**

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- **Statistical properties of stock returns**
- **Efficient Markets**
 - Eugene Fama, University of Chicago, 2013



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- Portfolio Selection
 - James Tobin, Yale University, 1981



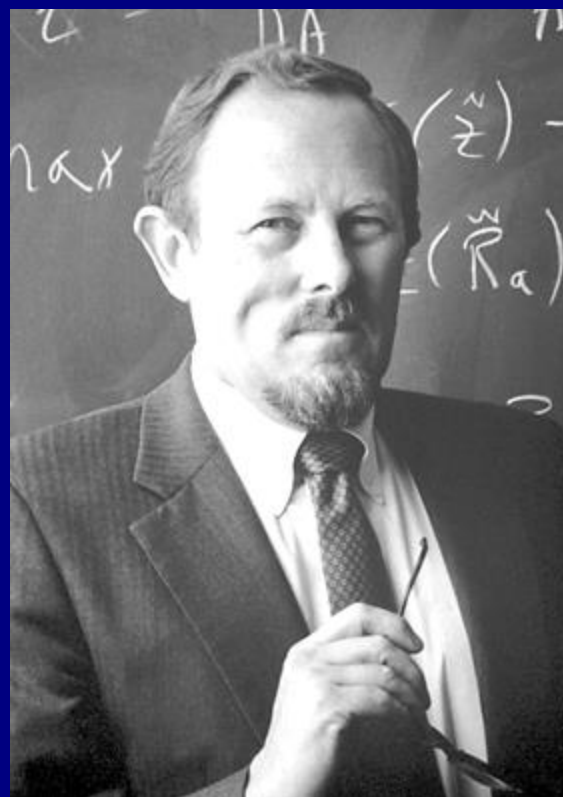
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- **Portfolio Selection**
 - **Harry Markowitz**, City University of New York, 1990



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- Asset Pricing Models
 - William F. Sharpe, Stanford University, 1990



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- Behavioral Finance
 - Richard H. Thaler, University of Chicago, 2017



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- Options and Futures
 - Robert C. Merton, MIT, 1997



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