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MACF 401 (MAST 729/MAST 881), Sec. F
Mathematical & Computational Finance I
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Class Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 16:15-17:30.
Note: There will be a mid-term break from March 2 to March 8.

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Text: The content is based on *Stochastic Calculus for Finance I: The Binomial Asset Pricing Model*, by Steven Shreve, Springer, 2005. However, purchasing that book is optional since the slides are self-contained.

Outline: This course is an introduction to mathematical and computational finance. The focus is on the general theory through a thorough study of Binomial Models. The topics covered include:

- The binomial no-arbitrage price model: one-period, multi-period.
- State prices: change of measure, Radon-Nikodym derivatives, capital asset pricing model; utility maximization and optimal investment.
- European and American derivative securities: call and put options, stopping times; exotic derivative securities.
- Interest-rate derivatives: binomial model for interest rates, bonds, fixed income derivatives, forward measure; Ho-Lee and Black-Derman-Toy models.
- Forward and Futures contracts.

Final Exam: It will be scheduled by the Exams Office.

NOTE: Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy **that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

Evaluation: Weighted average of Assignments (20%), Midterm Examination (20%), and the

Final Examination (60%). Some assignment problems will require programming. R or Python are accepted languages to complete them.

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

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