**Course Title: Asset Allocation**

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

The focus of this course is to give the students a practical analysis in the management of investment portfolios. The course aims to provide students with an understanding of:

- Asset Allocation Strategy;

- Market Timing Strategy.

The portfolio construction models analyzed are only those that find application in the asset management.

**SYLLABUS**

1. Introduction: the main stages of Portfolio Construction

2. The Naïve Portfolio Formation Rule

3. From a qualitative approach to MPT

4. Global asset allocation: building a MV Efficient Frontier

5. Limitations of MV Efficient frontier

6. Managing estimation errors with heuristic approaches: infra-group constrained optimization and scenario based models

7. Managing estimation errors with bayesian models: the Black-Litterman Approach

8. From Strategic Asset Allocation to Tactical Asset Allocation: building a tactical optimization model

**MAIN REFERENCES**

 Scherer, B., “Portfolio Construction and Risk Budgeting”, Risk Books.

**OTHER READINGS**

Michaud, R.O., “Efficient Asset Management: A Practical Guide to Stock Portfolio Optimization and Asset Allocation”, Harvard Business School Press, Cambridge. MA.