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Introduction

Textbooks in financial economics present major established theories and empirical results in a pedagogical, stream-lined way, while the academic papers, often available as working papers before they are published in leading journals, represent the dynamic development of our knowledge. The real action is, thus, in the papers. This reference list covers important areas in finance that during the last decade have undergone significant development on the theoretical side in general, and on the empirical side, in particular. In order to really understand financial economics, one, therefore, needs to be aware of recent developments and current trends in this remarkable area of economic research that has been awarded more Nobel Prizes than any other field within economics, broadly defined. Reading the textbooks is necessary but not sufficient in order to understand financial economics. Actually reading academic articles is an indispensable part of your active learning process! If you aim to take financial economics seriously, you should be always aware of the latest trends and ideas that constitute contemporary research curriculum. And the best way to do this is to read academic articles written by established researchers and published in the top journals.

The articles are listed in six sections: (i) Asset Pricing; (ii) Derivative Asset Pricing; (iii) Aspects of the Financial System; (iv) Corporate Governance - Law and Finance; (v) Corporate Governance - Labour, Politics and Finance; (vi) Corporate Finance. These sections correspond to six reading packages available in the library. The majority of articles come from leading journals in economics and finance: *The Journal of Financial Economics, The American Economic Review, The Journal of Economic Perspectives, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Journal of Economic Literature, etc.* All the articles are **mandatory** because they constitute a considerable part of the final exam (75 points). There is no such thing as "more" or "less" important articles; each of them is equally likely to appear on the exam. Articles marked with an asterisk (*) are **those that will be discussed in the guiding seminars**. The rest of the articles should be read on your own, but you may turn to your teaching assistants if you have any questions. We strongly believe that this reference list is your starting point, and after completing this course you will continue pursuing the frontiers of financial economics!

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6. CORPORATE FINANCE

To be completed later.