

Title: "The Macroeconomy and Financial Markets"

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This mini-course will cover the connection between the macroeconomy and financial markets. It will start with a review of the literature of how risk premia for bonds and stocks vary over the business cycle, and models used to understand this variation. It will then cover financial how markets can be used to better understand the macroeconomic impacts of monetary policy on the real economy and on risk premia. Finally, it will turn to market participants' perceptions of monetary policy and macroeconomic risk, and how these in turn feed back into firms' cost of capital and real investment.

Lecture I: "Risk Premia over the Business Cycle"

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Lecture II: "The Standard New Keynesian Model: Theory and Financial Markets Evidence"

Readings:

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Hanson, Samuel G., and Jeremy C. Stein. "Monetary policy and long-term real rates." *Journal of Financial Economics* 115.3 (2015): 429-448.
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Lecture III: "Perceptions of Monetary Policy and Risk"

Readings:

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