

<b>Module code</b>	FIN7E6	<b>Level</b>	7
<b>Module title</b>	Private Equity Finance and Restructuring Strategies	<b>Credit value</b>	20
<b>Common/Core/Elective</b>	Core	<b>ECTS Credits</b>	10
		<b>Notional learning hours</b>	200
<b>Courses on which the module is taught</b>	MSc Finance and Private Equity	<b>Teaching Period</b>	Spring

### 1. Module description

Private Equity (PE) funds have traditionally been associated with LBO deals (Leveraged Buyouts of companies), as they have been their main investment strategy since the 1970s and have represented the majority of assets raised. Nonetheless PE funds encompass other important investment strategies, of which Distressed Investing and Restructuring are among the most prominent.

This module focuses on two main aspects: on the one hand, the valuation of (private and public) companies, the financing, the basic deal due diligence, the value drivers and the deal dynamics (from screening to harvesting). On the other hand, it analyses the peculiarities of distressed companies and the strategies and rationales of PE funds when considering investments in these companies.

You will traverse the entire deal pipeline, from origination and evaluation to negotiating, contracting, post-investment involvement and harvesting, where capital returns are realised. You will be equipped with knowledge how private equity funds are structured, the nature of General Partner (GP)/Limited Partners (LPs) relationship and the relevance of private equity as an alternative allocation in professional and institutional investors' portfolio construction.

You will examine the host of opportunities available in the private primary and secondary market, the interplay of the entire capital structure and the role of private credit, particularly as it relates to user cost of capital and the modern theory of value creation.

You will be well-equipped with the skills to analyse and build financial models, with a focus on LBO modelling, as well as benchmark the performance of illiquid strategies. The course will enable students to debate current issues such as the listing of private equity firms and the repackaging of GP stakes.

## 2. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, you will be able to:

### **Innovation (LO2):**

Create and implement new value propositions for the private equity sector combining intellectual curiosity and creativity

### **Professional Development (LO3)**

Articulate a plan for a professional career in private equity by analysing their business models, their long-term development, and their talent management.

### **Digital Data and Tools (LO6)**

Utilise digital tools for example like spreadsheets, financial databases, and internet to research and manipulate data to assess performances, strategies, and impact of private equity funds.

### **Discipline Skills (LO8)**

Combine and employ your advanced knowledge of valuation methods and PE investment strategies to assess investment opportunities, also in the context of bankruptcy and restructuring frameworks.

## 3. Learning and teaching methods

Your active participation and engagement will be a key factor in creating meaningful learning opportunities for you and your fellow classmates. This module incorporates a variety of educational methods including group activities, group discussions, mini-case studies, and workshop activities to enable you to analyse, evaluate, organise, and communicate the different aspects that surround innovation and technology in finance.

Activities with Private Equity and Restructuring Managers:

- Guest lectures from Private Equity and Restructuring Managers
- Video conference with Private Equity and Restructuring Managers
- Meetings / guest lectures from Private Equity and Restructuring Investors

Learning hours	
<b>Directed learning</b>	<b>48 hours</b>
Workshops/ classes	48
<b>Guided/Self-guided learning</b>	<b>152 hours</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

#### 4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings

##### Assessment 1 – Presentation (Group)

**Weight (%): 50%**

**Word Count or Equivalent: 20 minutes**

This is a investment business value proposal presentation. In groups of 3-4 students, you will have to present an investment opportunity in a company's equity and/or debt for a private equity or distressed investor (i.e., from the point of view of the GP of the fund).

##### Assessment 2 – Report

**Weight (%): 50%**

**Word Count or Equivalent: 2500 words**

You will have to discuss a case study that will be assigned to you. The case study will present a complex situation in the private market ecosystem. You will be required to use theoretical knowledge, quantitative skills, and market strategies acquired in the module, as well as your personal business acumen to answer a set of questions associated with the case.

Assessment tasks	LO2	LO3	LO6	LO8
Presentation (group)	X		X	X
Report		X	X	X

#### 5. Indicative resources

Structuring Venture Capital, Private Equity and Entrepreneurial Transactions, 2021 Ed. Jack S. Levin, Donald E. Roca; Wolters Kluwer Law & Business

Thomson Reuters Eikon Platform: [www.eikon.thomsonreuters.com](http://www.eikon.thomsonreuters.com)

Financial Times Private Equity: [www.FT.com/private-equity](http://www.FT.com/private-equity)

Harvard Business Review: [www.hbr.org](http://www.hbr.org)