Applied Corporate Finance

How to Prepare Cases

• A written case analysis of each assigned case (a total of nine cases) must be prepared by groups consisting of no less than three and no more than four students in each group.

• A written report is due at the beginning of the class (keep a copy of your report with you for class discussion).

• The main analysis in the report must be presented in two pages (with proper margins and a reasonable font size of no less than 11pt) with relevant references for supporting analysis and data in appendices.

• Each member of the team preparing the analysis must be ready to discuss the analysis and answer any questions during class discussion.

• Cases will be graded as follows:
  – Class Participation: 3 points for each case * 8 best scores out of 9 for a total of 24 points. If you are absent for any class, you will lose your points for class discussion. If I notice that you are unprepared for class discussion, you may lose some or all of your class participation points for that case.
  – Three randomly chosen written case reports will be graded in detail: 12 points for each case*3 for a total of 36 points.
  – The remaining six reports will also be graded, but in less detail: 8 points for each case*5 best scores out of 6 for a total of 40 points.

• I will not hand out my “solution” for the cases though I will discuss some ideas and analysis related to each of the cases. My role will be to facilitate discussion of cases and related material. Also, handing out solutions presupposes that my solution is the right one and may give the impression of undermining the analysis carried out by you.

• Remember, how much you get out of the course will directly depend on how much time and effort you expend in learning the material. My role would be mainly to provoke and challenge you with some guidance and direction.