ACT199H1S L0101 – *Decipher Financial Puzzles in the Media and Pop Culture*

Have you ever watched a pundit’s passionate rant over financial crisis on TV and wondered whether he was right or wrong? Did you get the full story after watching movies like Margin Call or The Big Short? What was the efficiency market versus behavioral finance debate all about? Did you wonder why everyone in the financial press seem to be calling for a lower debt/equity ratio on banks in the post-crisis era? If you find yourself think about those questions, this is the course for you. We will start from some basic building blocks of finance, such as time value of money and discounting, and proceed to look at some of the important financial controversies you have read or heard in the pop culture or media.

**Qualifications**

Academic background in finance and/or actuarial science. Graduate student in financial math or actuarial science. Knowledge in corporate finance is a strong asset.

**Duties**

Your duties will include any or all of the following: grading term tests, invigilating term tests and final exams, grading homework and/or quizzes.

Instructor: Vicki Zhang

Estimated Course Enrolment: 25

Meeting Schedule:

- Lectures: Thursdays, 11am-1pm;
- Tutorials: N/A

Approximate Number of TA Hours: 25 hours (per position)

Approximate Number of Positions: 1

Rate of Pay: UG/SGS I/II - $46.24/hour (+4% vacation pay)

Final availability of the position(s) is contingent upon enrolment, budgetary consideration and the determination of appointments as governed by the collective agreement.

**Application Process**

Application information is available at https://www.statistics.utoronto.ca/employment-opportunities/cupe-positions-unit-1. The deadline to submit your application is **July 13, 2020**. For more information, you may contact:

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