

Week #18 – Final Exam! – Student Evaluation

The final exam is available! The final exam is available! It will be available until Wednesday, May 16th, at 11:55 p.m. *Do Not Wait Until Late Wednesday Night To Take The Final Exam!* It doesn't matter if Blackboard crashes on you, if your car had a new baby, if your sister needs a new transmission, if you are suddenly called away to Cancun because your niece is sick with an ingrown toenail, whatever – *there will be no extensions!* Contact me as soon as possible if you are having problems taking the final. Do not wait until ... oh, you heard that before? My apologies. But don't do it, okay? Don't wait until the last minute to take the final exam! (My son is graduating from San Diego State University on Friday. My mother and step-father are flying in. We are going to be very, very busy.)

Okay, what is going to be on the final exam? There will be specific questions about the last few chapters on options and futures (chapters 15 and 14) and brokerage accounts, buying on margin, and shorting stocks (chapter 2). There will also be a few easy questions from the brief miscellaneous topics presentations on investing. They are available on the class web page. They consist of retirement accounts, real estate, gold and precious metals, art, collectibles, etc. There will be no calculations from any of these chapters! (You can work on the options & futures and margins & shorting calculations when you study for the Series 7 stockbroker exam, okay?)

There will also be general questions about the rest of the course material. And as with the previous exams, there will be an off-line portion of the exam with calculations and a short essay question about an investment advertisement that a colleague of yours is interested in. There is a pre-final worksheet and answer key on the class web site with questions that look very much like the calculation questions on the off-line portion of the final (hint, hint, hint). Here is your last chance to get calculating the present value of discounted cash flows correct!

Finally, please submit an anonymous student evaluation in the student evaluation discussion forum. (I do not view the evaluations until after the grades have been submitted to the college.) Please post your evaluation of the class, the web site, the instructor, the material – whatever! – in this discussion forum (or you could e-mail your evaluation to me from an anonymous e-mail address). These evaluations are helpful to me. Also, if you are happy with your experience, please consider posting a review on ratemyprofessors.com. Of course, if you are unhappy with your experience, please contact me directly! I value all comments, no matter how critical.

Please stay in touch and tell me how your investing career is going. I wish you all great success.
Thank You All For A Great Semester!

Sincerely,

Frank Paiano

P.S. The final exam is available! The final exam is available! Get to work now! Do not wait until Wednesday, May 16th, to take the final exam!

P.P.S. Oh, yeah, by the way, whatever you do in life: Don't Give Up! *Never* Give Up!