





Encouraging students to practice with MyLab Finance

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At the University of Gothenburg I teach Finance classes for 150 and 280 cohorts in condensed 4-week courses. I have been teaching this course for 8 years, and dealing with such a large number of students has always been challenging.

The book we use has been specially customised for my institution by Pearson, with selected chapters from two titles - Berk-DeMarzo: 'Corporate Finance' and Mishkin: 'Financial Markets and Institutions'.

I have been using MyFinanceLab for more than 8 years.

Why MyLab Finance?

When choosing a complementary tool for my teaching, my aim is to give students more practice. I want to enable them to pick up the exam questions easily, and the best way to reach this is by encouraging regular practice as part of the course.

Correcting exam papers for these groups has always been time-consuming. Even though assigning regular homework was possible, there was no chance I could check each student's progress.

Therefore, I hoped to save myself time with the automatic grading features for the quizzes.





"As teachers, we want quick support for our condensed courses with large number of students. We get this support from Pearson."

Jianhua Zhang, lecturer



Student practice

I use homework, quizzes, and tests from MyLab Finance to assign my students assignments, and I find them especially useful because the resource supports student learning and achievements.

MyLab Finance students use the homework I give them to prepare for quizzes, and after each quiz, I provide a Q&A.

Students find MyLab Finance easy to access, and intuitive to use. They can learn by themselves by using the Study Plan exercises with the built-in "Help Me Solve This" feature. This walks them through the exact problem step-by-step. MyLab explains the concept for each step and there are a few fill-in-the-blanks as they work it out.

Once they solve the problem, MyLab takes them back to the original question on their homework for them to answer, which encourages students to practise more.

Credit, Integrate, Communicate

With MyLab Finance I assign quizzes with credit, which substitutes for the exam, which ensures students will practice a lot in advance for their own benefit.

The assignments I give during the course contribute to the overall grade of 40-100%, depending on the course.

At the start of the module, I provide an introduction to MyLab Finance to the students. I also make sure to communicate the primary concepts during the Q&A after each quiz.

Summary

local Pearson team.

MyLab Finance really supports my students in their learning, and it encourages them to practice more. I also saves me a lot of time. We get fantastic support from the