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I believe that the responsibility of a teacher is not only to provide the subject matter expertise, but also to act a facilitator to raise students' interests in a subject, to teach students the ways of thinking, and to train students to become effective and independent learners.

As a teacher in Finance, I strive to ensure that my students can understand how to apply the theoretical financial knowledge from my class into real-world situations to handle the complexity of financial markets.

To achieve the above objectives, my teaching practice is to establish an effective learning environment for students. Excellent course preparation is one of essential elements. For example, specially designed project works can let students understand how to apply theoretical financial models into real world situations, enhance their learning interests through the practical experience, and also provide them opportunities to acquire the research experience as independent learners. To develop a mutual respect and trust relationship between a teacher and students is another essential element. This allows a teacher to provide a personalised teaching and learning experience to individual students. I believe that every student in my class is a distinctive individual. I do my best to recognise every student in my class and understand the student's learning progress. This personalisation practice can effectively encourage students to actively participate in class discussion, and also allow me to provide immediate guidance to those who need additional support. Finally, students' learning attitude and learning effectiveness can be greatly enhanced.

I also believe that an outstanding teacher can act as a role model for students. My passion for teaching drives me to strive the excellence of teaching practice to achieve the most effective teaching and learning outcomes. I hope that my passion for teaching and serious attitude of teaching practice can also inspire my students to develop passion for their dreams to aim at distinguished performance in their specialised areas.



STUDENTS' WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I was lucky enough to be Dr Chan's student for two semesters during my undergraduate studies, and he is absolutely one of the best teachers I've ever had. Dr Chan's classes are known as challenging but highly rewarding. His teaching stands out to me as he always managed to ensure the balance between theoretical concepts and real-life practices through various case studies and group projects, which I believe are extremely important for business students. Besides, he managed to provide timely and thorough feedbacks on each of our assignments, projects and exams, so that we know very clearly what we are doing right and how we can improve. His classes are also known as highly structured and student-centred. He is able to teach with profundity in an interesting and easy-to-understand way. Dr Chan is a very passionate teacher and he encourages every student to participate in class discussions. I really enjoyed this active and interactive learning experience.

Besides his excellent teaching, Dr Chan is also a very inspiring mentor. He is incredibly generous with his time outside the classroom, making himself available to students for academic queries, career advices and extracurricular activities. Another thing that really impressed me a lot is that he is equally attentive to all his students and is able to remember every student's name even in his introductory courses with large class size. He takes students to their finest learning experience and helps them get where they want to be.

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Dr Alex Chan was my instructor for the MBA Corporate Finance course. I was very fortunate to have Alex as my teacher for such an important course in my MBA journey.

Alex's teaching style has effectively promoted my learning. His lecture notes with easy-to-understand examples were handy replacement of the course textbook. More, his course assignments clearly exemplified the practical side of the taught subject. For example, the class projects were based on the real Hong Kong financial data and the current practice of the banking industry. Even these days, I would still use these class materials as reference occasionally.

Alex is a responsible and committed educator, upholding the core values in higher education teaching. He first clearly defined the course's learning objectives and then regularly provided us feedback on our learning progress. He was fair when grading assignments, so each student would get a grade that he / she deserved and would know which area to improve on.

Moreover, Alex has put in extra efforts outside his teaching responsibility to support the students. He has given me practical career advice and analysis of the business cycle and job market, which were useful to my setting of career goals. These showed Alex's dedication to support the overall development of his students.

Katherine CHAN Bik Yan
MBA 2013

I was lucky to have Alex as my Advanced Finance course teacher as he is very passionate and responsible for equipping students with solid knowledge as well as practical industry insights. Throughout the course, it was his well-structured materials and teaching that attract us to keep on paying attention and efforts to look deeper into the knowledge of risk management. Besides, what is even more precious was his challenging projects, containing real-world cases collected from industry, that guide us to apply theoretical concepts to real problems. Similar to other finance students, I find that it is hard to connect theoretical concepts with real cases. However, the course offered from Alex really helped us to solve this issue and definitely made us better prepared for our future career. At the beginning of the semester, I was anxious that the course materials was a bit hard for me. However, my anxiety was relieved after Alex provided me his encouragement, support and guidance.

Thank you Alex for his wonderful teaching, and more importantly, your rigorous attitude of scholarship that reminds us to pursue excellence in the future study and work.

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