# Asset Management Practicum

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## What is AMP?

- Course designed to merge the theoretical and the practical
- Provides students practical experience in managing a real investment portfolio
- Students manage portion of Northwestern's endowment
  - Five portfolios across four teams
  - Total ~ \$15.3 million
- Advocates value investing strategy based on fundamental analysis, with quantitative strategies as an overlay.

#### What is AMP?

- Students have two roles in managing assets
  - Equity Analysts
    - Research individual stocks
    - Prepare stock pitches for investment committee (and class)
  - Portfolio Managers
    - Determine portfolio positions and trading strategies (buy, sell, quantities, timing)
    - Determine asset allocation (equities, ETFs, cash)
    - Monitor adherence to investment policy statement
      - Restrictions on beta, % holdings, tracking error

### What is AMP?

- Opportunity to learn several analytical tools and data bases, including:
  - Bloomberg
  - BARRA
  - Interactive Brokers (trading software)
  - Thomson One
  - Cap IQ
  - FACTSET

#### Structure of AMP

Two to three quarter sequence

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• Spring — FINC 456 — 1 credit
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- Fall FINC 457 1 credit
- Winter FINC 458 1 credit

#### Structure of AMP

- Meet Wednesday evenings, EV campus, 6:30 9:30
- 2 4 guest lectures by practitioners each quarter

Examples include:

Louis Simpson (x58): SQ Advisors

Stephen F. Mandel: Lone Pine Capital

Jeffrey Ubben ('87): Inclusive Capital Partners; ValueAct

Capital

David Kabiller ('87): AQR Capital

Joel Tillinghast ('83): Fidelity Investments

Steven Einhorn: Omega Advisors

Jennifer Martin ('99): T. Rowe Price

Myron Scholes: Nobel Prize in Economics

#### Structure of AMP

- Student presentations constitute a major component of course
  - Portfolio performance review weekly
  - Over two quarter sequence students must prepare at least
    - One stock pitch
    - One research report or a second stock pitch
  - Feedback from both professor, an industry professional, and classmates

## Pre-regs

- Prerequisites for AMP
  - FINC 431 (Finance II) or FINC 440 (Accelerated Corporate Finance)
  - Prior or consecutive work experience or courses in financial statement analysis and preparation of pro forma financial statements.
    - Concurrent or prior enrollment in one of FINC 442, 444, 448, 477 or ACCT 451 with the first term of AMP counts towards this requirement

## Co-reqs

## First term (or prior) one of

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FINC 442 Financial Decisions
FINC 444 Value Investing
FINC 448 M&As, LBOs and Corporate Restructuring
FINC 477 Global Entrepreneurial Finance
ACCT 451 Financial Reporting and Analysis I
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- Plus (before graduation)
- One from chosen from
  - FINC 465 Derivative Markets
  - FINC 450 Capital Markets

# AMP Advisory Council

Practitioners and alumni

Annual meetings

Participate in stock pitches, research papers

Mentoring

## AMP Advisory Council

- Tadd Chessen, Managing Director, Marketable Investments, Northwestern University Investment Office.
- Scott Fearon ('83), President and Founder, Crown Capital Management.
- Stuart Goode (NU '65, Kellogg '66), formerly partner, Warburg Pincus.
- Malcolm Jones ('82)
- Michael Lowenstein ('84), Co-Founder and Co-President, Kensico Capital Management
- Jennifer O'Hara Martin ('99), Portfolio Specialist and Vice President, T. Rowe Price
- Avi Nash ('81), Chair, Motivation for Excellence
- Kimberly Querrey, President & CEO of Gulf Shore Private Capital, LLC
- Jeffrey Ubben ('87), Founder, Inclusive Capital Partners; Founder and former Chief Executive Officer, ValueAct Capital
- Robin Yoshimura ('94), Managing Director and Wealth Manager, First Republic Investment Management

# **Applications**

- Admit applicants every quarter except summer:
- Through Experiential Learning site
- Address questions to Prof. Braun, Garino, or Korajczyk
- Current members of AMP and Investment Management Club are good sources of information about course.

#### More on AMP

- More information can be found at http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/asset\_management
  - Firms that have hired AMP students
  - Past and future speakers and events
  - Application details