300Hours

CFA Level 2: 2020/2021 Curriculum Changes (vs. 2019)

Summary:

- 2020 L2 has 48 readings: 8 readings removed, 5 added.
- 5 readings updated: All minor except R13 (FRA) given accounting changes.
- Overall, a few major chapters added & removed, still similar content length.

New	Updated
~~Removed~~	Moved

Topic	Reading #	Reading Name	Comments
Ethics	1	Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct	
	2	Guidance for Standards I-VII	
	3	Application of the Code and Standards	Minor changes, 2 LOS wording changes
	~~4~~	~~Trade Allocation: Fair Dealing & Disclosure~~	
	~~5~~	~~Changing Investment Objectives~~	
Quantitative Methods (QM)	~~6~~	~~Fintech in Investment Management~~	
	~~7~~ 4	Introduction to Linear Regression	Minor changes, 3 LOS removed
	~~8~~ 5	Multiple Regression	Minor changes, 3 LOS moved to R7
	~~9~~ 6	Time-Series Analysis	
	7	Machine Learning	
	8	Big Data Projects	
	~~10~~ 9	Excerpt from “Probabilistic Approaches”	
Economics	~~11~~ 10	Currency Exchange Rates: Understanding Equilibrium Value	
	~~12~~ 11	Economic Growth & the Investment Decision	
	~~13~~ 12	Economics of Regulations	Minor change, 1 LOS wording changes
Financial Reporting & Analysis (FRA)	~~14~~ 13	Intercorporate Investments	Major revision: content update
	~~15~~ 14	Employee Compensation	
	~~16~~ 15	Multinational Operations	
	~~17~~ 16	Analysis of Financial Institutions	
	~~18~~ 17	Evaluating Financial Reporting Quality	
	~~19~~ 18	Integration of Financial Statement Analysis Techniques	
Corporate Finance	~~20~~ 19	Capital Budgeting	
	~~21~~ 20	Capital Structure	
	~~22~~ 21	Analysis of Dividends and Share Repurchases	
	22	Corporate Governance & Other ESG Considerations in Investment Analysis	
	~~23~~	~~Corporate Performance Governance and Business Ethics~~	
	~~24~~	~~Corporate Governance~~	
	~~25~~ 23	Mergers and Acquisitions	
Equity	~~26~~ 24	Equity Valuation: Applications and Processes	
	~~27~~ 25	Return Concepts	
	~~28~~ 26	Industry and Company Analysis	
	~~29~~ 27	Discounted Dividend Valuation	
	~~30~~ 28	Free Cash Flow Valuation	
	~~31~~ 29	Market-Based Valuation: Price and Enterprise Value Multiples	
	~~32~~ 30	Residual Income Valuation	
	~~33~~ 31	Private Company Valuation	
Fixed Income	~~34~~ 32	The Term Structure & Interest Rate Dynamics	
	~~35~~ 33	The Arbitrage Free Valuation Framework	
	~~36~~ 34	Valuation & Analysis: Bonds with Embedded Options	
	~~37~~ 35	Credit Analysis Models	
	~~38~~ 36	Credit Default Swaps	
Derivatives	~~39~~ 37	Pricing & Valuation of Forward Commitments	
	~~40~~ 38	Valuation of Contingent Claims	
	~~41~~	~~Derivatives Strategies~~	
Alternative Investments	~~42~~ 39	Private Real Estate Investments	
	~~43~~ 40	Publicly Traded Real Estate Securities	
	~~44~~ 41	Private Equity Valuation	
	~~45~~ 42	Introduction to Commodities & Commodity Derivatives	
Portfolio Management (PM)	43	Exchange-Traded Funds: Mechanics & Applications	
	~~46~~	~~The Portfolio Management Process & the Investment Policy Statement~~	
	~~47~~ 44	An Introduction to Multifactor Models	
	~~48~~ 45	Measuring & Managing Market Risk	
	~~49~~ 46	Economies and Investment Markets	
	~~50~~ 47	Analysis of Active Portfolio Management	
	48	Trading Costs and Electronic Markets	
	~~51~~	~~Algorithmic Trading & High Frequency Trading~~	