This course surveys leading academic research in areas of corporate restructuring, both inside and outside of financial distress. We will focus on the restructuring of assets, liabilities, and equity, examining a series of transactions that ultimately create or redistribute financial value for the claimholders of a firm. Many of the topics studied are in fast-changing areas of practice and regulation. The syllabus includes a number of recent working papers in order to introduce students to the latest developments in the field and to help identify possible dissertation topics. We will also investigate the strengths and weaknesses of leading on-line databases and other research tools. Course lectures will be held twice weekly, and the most important readings on each topic are starred (**). Evaluation will be based upon a set of data exercises and referee reports assigned periodically throughout the course.

**Financial distress - introduction and regulatory framework**


**Predicting financial distress**


Costs of financial distress


Debt renegotiation and workouts


Database: Reuters DealScan (formerly Loan Pricing Corp.)

Chapter 11


**Alternative reorganization proposals**


**Asset sales in financial distress**


Convertible debt


Database: Mergent Fixed Income Securities

Leasing


Pensions


**Empirical research with corporate bonds**


*Databases:* Trace OTC Corporate Bond Transactions

**Credit default swap event studies**


(Database: Markit

**Private equity - introduction**


**Private equity - impact on operating performance**


**Private equity - valuation and returns**


**Private equity - agency issues**


The diversification discount


can be explained by poor corporate governance?” *Journal of Financial Economics* 103, 41-60.

**Database:** Compustat Segments

**Internal capital markets**


**Spinoffs**


**Database:** SDC

**Equity carve-outs**


**Tracking stock**


**M&A agency issues**


**M&A negotiation tactics**


M&A termination fees

