

LEVEL I CFA®

2019 CURRICULUM UPDATES

The CFA Institute updates the program curriculum every year to ensure study materials and exams reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and skills required to be successful as an investment professional.

See updates to the 2019 Level I CFA program curriculum.

ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Study Session 1

Ethical and Professional Standards

Reading 1: Ethics and Trust in the Investment Profession

Reading 2: Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct

Reading 3: Guidance for Standards I-VII

Reading 4: Introduction to the Global Investment Performance

Standards (GIPS)

Reading 5: The GIPS Standards

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Quantitative Methods: Basic Concepts

Reading 6: The Time Value of Money

Reading 7: Discounted Cash Flow Applications

Reading 8: Statistical Concepts and Market Returns

Reading 9: Probability Concepts

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Quantitative Methods: Applications

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ECONOMICS

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Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

Reading 14: Topics in Demand and Supply Analysis

Reading 15: The Firm and Market Structures

Reading 16: Aggregate Output, Prices, and Economic Growth

Reading 17: Understanding Business Cycles

Study Session 5

Monetary and Fiscal Policy, International Trade, and Currency Exchange Rates

Reading 18: Monetary and Fiscal Policy

Reading 19: International Trade and Capital Flows Exchange Rates

Reading 20: Currency Exchange Rates

Study Session 4

Economics (1)

Reading 14: Topics in Demand and Supply Analysis

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FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

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Reading 23: Financial Reporting Standards

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Financial Reporting and Analysis: Income Statements, Balance Sheets, and Cash Flow Statements

Reading 24: Understanding Income Statements

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Financial Reporting and Analysis: Inventories, Long-Lived Assets, Income Taxes, and Non-Current Liabilities

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Reading 29: Long-Lived Assets

Reading 30: Income Taxes

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Financial Reporting and Analysis (3)

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Reading 35: Capital Budgeting

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Reading 40: Risk Management: An Introduction

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Portfolio Management (1)

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Portfolio Management (2)

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Market Efficiency

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Reading 45: Security Market Indices

Reading 46: Market Efficiency

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Equity Analysis and Valuation

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Reading 48: Introduction to Industry and Company Analysis

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Equity Investments (1)

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Reading 46: Market Efficiency

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Reading 52: Introduction to Fixed-Income Valuation

Reading 53: Introduction to Asset-Backed Securities

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Fixed Income: Analysis of Risk

Reading 54: Understanding Fixed-Income Risk and Return

Reading 55: Fundamentals of Credit Analysis

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Alternative Investments

Reading 58: Introduction to Alternative Investments







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