

Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Course Description for the Options Institute

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The Options Institute

Course Overview

The Options Institute is the educational unit within Chicago Board Options Exchange that offers a 3-day seminar on how to use options for risk management. The seminar explains the role of options in modern portfolio management. The curriculum combines lectures, discussions, strategy workshops and trading floor experience.

Overview of Curriculum

Day 1: The course introduces options concepts, options pricing theory, and options mechanics. In addition, the role of the Options Clearing Corporation, options strategies for risk management and the role of market makers is covered.

Day 2: During the second day, the program covers futures pricing and hedging strategies. In addition, index options and foreign currency options are discussed. Participants are introduced to options strategies under simulated market conditions.

Day 3: The final day covers regulatory structure and managing risk using interest rate derivatives, as well as, a visit to the trading floor. Participants view the trading floor from inside the trading pit and have the opportunity to ask questions of brokers on the trading floor.

Cost

The cost of this program is \$1075 per attendee; make payment directly to the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE).

Payment Options

- International Students, Board Personnel and State or Agency Learners: Payment is made upon arrival by credit card or cashier check payable in U.S. dollars to Chicago Board Options Exchange. Advance payment is not required. A receipt will be issued once payment is received.
- Federal Reserve Banks are permitted to make payment for their employee(s) no earlier than one week prior to the start of the program.

Type of Participant Targeted

The course is designed as a supplementary course for Community Banking Organization (CBO) examiners.

Prerequisites

None

Class Size and Instructors

The class maximum is 30. The CBOE provides the instructors who consist of traders and members of the financial and academic communities.

Location

The Options Institute is located within CBOE on LaSalle and Van Buren Streets in Chicago, Illinois.