

# Course Syllabus

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## Course Information

Course Prefix, Number, Section	FIN 4310.5u1
Course Title	Intermediate Financial Management
Term	Summer 2021
Day & Time	Wednesday 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Room	JSOM 1.212

## Instructor Contact Information

Instructor	Jake Smith
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All times in this syllabus are Central Time

## Course Modality and Expectations

<b>Instructional Mode</b>	Traditional
<b>Course Platform</b>	In person at JSOM 1.212, virtually via <a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a> , and asynchronously via Microsoft Stream.
<b>Asynchronous Learning Guidelines</b>	Students may opt to attend in-person lectures, attend the lectures virtually via Microsoft Teams, or view the recorded lectures. Attending the live lectures virtually or in person is recommended but not required. All assessments will be in eLearning, regardless of how you view the lectures. I will not keep track of who attends the class asynchronously. You may choose whatever format works for you.

## Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

Pre-requisites: FIN 3320; Pre- or Co-requisite: FIN 3390

## Course Description

FIN 4310 integrates a variety of advanced topics in corporate financial decision making in examining the development of the financial strategy of the firm. Emphasis will be placed on the valuation of the firm and the impact of financial markets on corporate investment and financing decisions.

## Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

1. Be able to value a firm using different methodologies.
2. Be able to analyze how financing decisions influence firm value.
3. Be able to solve complex corporate asset management problems.

## **Textbook**

The following textbook is recommended but not required:

Financial Management, Concepts & Applications, Stephen Foerster (Pearson, 1st edition, 2015) ISBN 13: 9780132936644. Text ONLY.

## **Communication**

Please ask all questions related to the course material via the discussion board in eLearning. By posting your question on the discussion board, all students will benefit from the question and answer.

If you have a personal or grade-related question, or any other question that would not be appropriate to post on the discussion board for everyone to see, then you can email me.

Lastly, if you there is an urgent matter that requires my immediate attention, you may call or text my cell phone.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is recommended but not required. All lectures will be recorded to accommodate students who cannot or chose not to come to class.

## **Homework**

I will assign homeworks according to the schedule listed at the end of the syllabus. They must be submitted in eLearning.

Homeworks submitted late but no more than 1 hour late will receive a 20% penalty. Homeworks submitted more than 1 hour late will not be accepted.

You may discuss the homeworks with your classmates, but each student must submit their own work.

The lowest 2 homeworks will be dropped.

## **Quizzes**

There will be three quizzes. The purpose of the quizzes is to prepare you for the exams. The format of the quiz will be similar to the exam, except it will be shorter.

The time limit will be given in eLearning. Quizzes can be completed at any time until the due date. Late quizzes will not be accepted.

The lowest quiz will be dropped.

## **Exams**

There will be three exams.

The time limit will be announced prior to the exam. Each exam must be completed at any time on the exam day. That is, you will have a 24-hour window to complete the exam.

## Exam and Quiz Policies and Details

There will be multiple-choice and short-answer questions. There will be no partial credit for multiple-choice questions. Partial credit for short-answer questions will be awarded as appropriate.

Quizzes and Exams are open book and open notes. You will be able to use excel for calculations, and you can access course materials from your desktop, eLearning, and Microsoft Stream. eLearning and Microsoft Stream are the only online sources you can use. You cannot collaborate with other students. The only external device (aside from the device you are using to take the test) you can use is a calculator. Graphing calculators and financial calculators are fine. You cannot use your phone as a calculator.

Quizzes and exams will be proctored using Honorlock—an online exam proctoring tool. See <https://ets.utdallas.edu/testing-center/distance-learning/> for details on Honorlock.

If, for whatever reason, you will not be able to take an exam on the scheduled date, please let me know as soon as possible. If you miss an exam due to an illness, a doctor's note is required. If you have no legitimate reason to miss an exam, then you will get a zero for that exam.

## Grading Policy

Average homework grade (excluding 2 lowest)	20%
Average quiz grade (excluding lowest)	20%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
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Total	100%

Your final score will be rounded to the nearest percent and assigned a letter grade as follows:

A+	97+
A	94-96
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	64-66
D-	60-63
F	0-59

**Tentative Schedule** (Note: “Handout” refers to a set of slides that are not based on the book.)

Week	Date	Time	Description
1	26-May	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapters 2-3
2	1-Jun	11:59pm	Homework 1 Due
	2-Jun	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapters 4-5
3	8-Jun	11:59pm	Homework 2 Due
	8-Jun	11:59pm	Quiz 1 Due
	9-Jun	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 9
4	15-Jun	11:59pm	Homework 3 Due
	16-Jun	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 9 + Review
5	22-Jun	All Day	Exam 1: All prior material
	23-Jun	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Bankruptcy and Financial Distress Handout, Chapters 7-8
6	29-Jun	11:59pm	Homework 4 Due
	30-Jun	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapters 8 and 10
7	6-Jul	11:59pm	Homework 5 Due
	6-Jul	11:59pm	Quiz 2 Due
	7-Jul	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 11
8	13-Jul	11:59pm	Homework 6 Due
	14-Jul	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 11 + Review
9	20-Jul	All Day	Exam 2: All material after exam 1
	21-Jul	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 13
10	27-Jul	11:59pm	Homework 7 Due
	28-Jul	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 13 and Leasing Handout
11	3-Aug	11:59pm	Homework 8 Due
	3-Aug	11:59pm	Quiz 3 Due
	4-Aug	6:00-10:00pm	Lecture: M&A Handout + Review
Final Exam Week	9-Aug	All Day	Exam 3: All material after exam 2

## **UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures**

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

### **Class Recordings**

Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course.

Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

The instructor may record meetings of this course. These recordings will be made available to all students registered for this class if the intent is to supplement the classroom experience. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law.

### **Class Materials**

The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only.

Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

*The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.*