

FIN 3320 – Online Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number/Section FIN 3320 / 0W1 / 0W2 / 0W3
Course Title Business Finance
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Course Modality and Expectations

Instructional Mode	This course is 100% online. All instruction and testing will be online Module Exams and Final Exam will be given at the UTD Testing Center
Course Platform	This course will be delivered via the UTD eLearning platform
Expectations	Students are expected to actively engage in the activities described in eLearning for this course. Absolute minimum expectation(s) is a basic understanding of algebra and financial statements.

COVID-19 Guidelines and Resources

Please see <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> to review UTD's COVID-19 resources for students and instructors.

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

Prerequisites courses for Fin3320 are MATH 1325 or MATH 2413 or MATH 2417).
Prerequisites or Corequisites: ACCT 2301 and (STAT 3360 or OPRE 3360)

Course Description

This course introduces concepts and analytical techniques to identify and solve financial management problems. It serves as the basis for all other courses in finance as well as providing those basic tools that every business student will need to be successful in her/his chosen career. Those students majoring in business administration and accounting, as well as those going further in the study of finance, will find this material an essential part of their business education. Regardless of the student's chosen career, these tools and techniques will provide the foundation for making personal financial decisions.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

You will learn to understand how and when to apply the basic concepts of financial analysis in a business setting, demonstrated through your ability to:

- apply time-value-of-money concepts to various valuation problems,
- describe what drives a firm's cost of capital and how to estimate it, and
- analyze investments in real and financial assets using various methodologies.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Text

*CFIN*⁶, *Corporate Finance*, 6e., Besley, S., and Brigham, E., Cengage Learning, 2019, ISBN: 978-1-337-40734-2 (<https://www.cengage.com/c/cfin-6e-besley/9781337407342/>)

Required Materials

Financial Calculator - You will need a financial calculator on your FIN 3320 exams and quizzes. If you do not already have one, it is recommended that you consider the TI BAII Plus or the TI BAII Plus Professional.

Regardless of the calculator you select, you will be responsible for knowing how to use it prior to the exam.

Textbooks and some other materials may be ordered online or purchased at the [UT Dallas Bookstore](#).

Technical Requirements

eLearning

In addition to a confident level of computer and Internet literacy, certain minimum technical requirements must be met to enable a successful learning experience. Please review the important technical requirements on the [Getting Started with eLearning](#) webpage.

Course Access and Navigation

This course can be accessed using your UT Dallas NetID account on the [eLearning](#) website.

Please see the course access and navigation section of the [Getting Started with eLearning](#) webpage for more information.

To become familiar with the eLearning tool, please see the [Student eLearning Tutorials](#) webpage.

UT Dallas provides eLearning technical support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The [eLearning Support Center](#) includes a toll-free telephone number for immediate assistance (1-866-588-3192), email request service, and an online chat service.

Communication

This course utilizes online tools for interaction and communication. Some external communication tools such as regular email and a web conferencing tool may also be used during the semester. For more details, please visit the [Student eLearning Tutorials](#) webpage for video demonstrations on eLearning tools.

Student emails and discussion board messages will be answered within 3 working days under normal circumstances.

Distance Learning Student Resources

Online students have access to resources including the McDermott Library, Academic Advising, the Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA), and many others. Please see the [eLearning Current Students](#) webpage for more information.

Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties

The University is committed to providing a reliable learning management system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation.

Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and also contact the online [eLearning Help Desk](#). The instructor and the eLearning Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

Academic Schedule*

MODULE 1 (MAY 23 – JUNE 11)
LECTURE TOPICS (Reading Assignment) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Overview of Financial Management (CFIN 6, Chapter 01)• Financial Statements Analysis: Cash Flow, Taxes, and Ratios (CFIN 6, Chapter 02)• Financial Planning and Control: Operating & Financial Leverage (CFIN 6, Chapter 16) ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syllabus Quiz (Must be completed before any other quizzes may be attempted)• Homework Quiz 1 (Due before Module 1 Exam)• Homework Quiz 2 (Due before Module 1 Exam)• Module 1 EXAM (06/08 – 06/11)
MODULE 2 (JUNE 12– JULY 02)
LECTURE TOPICS (Reading Assignment) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Markets, Institutions, & Investment Banking (CFIN 6, Chapter 03)• Time Value of Money: Concepts & Applications (CFIN 6, Chapter 04)• The Cost of Money: Interest Rate Determinants (CFIN 6, Chapter 05) ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Quiz 3 (Due before Module 2 Exam)• Module 2 EXAM (06/27 – 07/02)
MODULE 3 (JULY 03 – JULY 23)
LECTURE TOPICS (Reading Assignment) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bonds (Debt) Characteristics & Valuation (CFIN 6, Chapter 06)• Stocks (Equity) Characteristics & Valuation (CFIN 6, Chapter 07)• Risk and Rates of Return (Chapter 08) ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Quiz 4 (Due before Module 3 Exam)• Homework Quiz 5 (Due before Module 3 Exam)• Homework Quiz 6 (Due before Module 3 Exam)• Module 3 EXAM (07/18 – 07/23)
MODULE 4 (July 24 –AUGUST 08)
LECTURE TOPICS (Reading Assignment) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital Budgeting Techniques (CFIN 6, Chapter 09)• Project Cash Flows and Risk (CFIN 6, Chapter 10)• Cost of Capital (CFIN 6, Chapter 11) ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Quiz 7 (Due before Module 4 Exam)• Homework Quiz 8 (Due before Module 4 Exam)• Module 4 EXAM (08/01 – 8/08)
DEPARTMENT FINAL EXAM (08/09 – 08/10) (see FIN 3320.701 in eLearning for details)

* Notes to Academic Schedule

- A detailed academic schedule and other important information will be maintained in eLearning.
- You are responsible for complying with UTD's drop/withdrawal deadlines, which are viewable on the [UT Dallas website](#).

Grading Policy

Grade Components and Weights

Module Exams (4 @ 15% each)	60%
Homework Quizzes (8, 105 points)	15%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Grade Scale	86.7 – 89.9 = B+	76.7 – 79.9 = C+	66.7 – 69.9 = D+	0 – 59.99 = F
93.3 – 100 = A	83.3 – 86.6 = B	73.3 – 76.6 = C	63.3 – 66.6 = D	
90.0 – 93.2 = A-	80.0 – 83.2 = B-	70.0 – 73.2 = C-	60.0 – 63.2 = D-	

Grade Distribution (Curve)

Final weighted scores will be adjusted, up or down, to fit the distribution described below.

- 15% to 35% → A+, A, A-
- 25% to 40% → B+, B, B-
- 15% to 40% → C+, C, C-
- 0% to 20% → D+, D, D- and below

Course Policies

Module Exams

- There will be four online Module exams on the dates and times specified in the academic schedule above. Record these dates! Failure to take an exam during the schedule time will not be excused except for extreme reasons (discussed below).
- The module exams will be available in eLearning and will only be open during the times specified in the module exam schedule in eLearning.
- All exams will be administered in the UTD Testing Center. Seat Reservations are required at: <https://ets.utdallas.edu/testing-center/>
- You will need a current UTD student ID to take the exams

Make-up Module Exams

- If you must miss a module exam because of scheduled events such as medical appointments, jury duty, or a religious holy day, you must notify your instructor by email before the exam begins.
- Missing a module exam due to last-minute emergencies such as hospitalization, car wrecks on the way to the exam, etc., will have to be substantiated by supporting documentation.
- With an acceptable and validated reason, a make-up exam opportunity will be provided.
- Make-up exams will cover the same material as the original exam but will not necessarily be the same as the original exam in format or administration.
- Without an acceptable and validated reason, missed exams will be assigned a score of zero.

Homework Quizzes

- Homework quizzes for a given module must be attempted prior to taking that module's exam.
- Homework quizzes will not be accepted after the due dates specified in eLearning.

Department Final Exam

- A common final exam will be given for all sections of FIN 3320 during finals week.
- Information regarding the final is in Section FIN 3320.**701** in eLearning.
- The FIN 3320 common final exam will be taken online and administered at UTD's testing center.
- Seat reservations are required at: <https://ets.utdallas.edu/testing-center/>
- All students are **REQUIRED** to take the final exam.
- There will be no makeup exams for the common final exam except as described in FIN 3320.701 in eLearning. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to take the final exam early. Please keep this in mind if you plan to travel at the end of the term.

Course Policies (cont.)*Extra Credit*

None

Late Work

Assignments will NOT be accepted after their posted due dates. No exceptions!

Class Attendance

Regular engagement with activities posted in eLearning is expected.

AccessAbility Services

It is the policy and practice of The University of Texas at Dallas to make reasonable disability-related accommodations and/or services for students with documented disabilities. However, written notification from the [Office of Student AccessAbility \(OSA\)](#) is required. If you are eligible to receive disability-related accommodations and/or services and to ensure accommodations will be in place when the academic semester begins, students are encouraged to submit documentation four to six weeks in advance. Students who have questions about receiving accommodations, or those who have, or think they may have, a disability (mobility, sensory, health, psychological, learning, etc.) are invited to contact the Office of Student AccessAbility for a confidential discussion.

Comet Creed

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

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 [UT Dallas Syllabus Policies](#) webpage for these policies.

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