

# Course Syllabus

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## Course Information

Course Prefix, Number, Section	FIN 4310.5u1
Course Title	Intermediate Financial Management
Term	Summer 2022
Day & Time	Thursday 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Room	JSOM 12.202

## Instructor Contact Information

Instructor	Jake Smith
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## 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.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is recommended but not required.

## **Homework**

I will assign homeworks according to the schedule listed at the end of the syllabus. All homeworks are due at 6pm on the due date. Most homeworks need to be submitted in class. Some homeworks (e.g., those involving excel calculations) must be submitted through eLearning. I will provide submission instructions when I assign the homework.

Late homeworks will not be accepted.

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

The lowest two 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.

Each quiz will be administered at the beginning of class. The time limit will be provided in advance.

The lowest quiz will be dropped.

## **Exams**

There will be three exams. The time limit will be provided in advance.

### **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. Graphing calculators and financial calculators are fine. You cannot use your phone as a calculator.

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	2-Jun	6:00pm	Homework 1 Due
	2-Jun	6:00 - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapters 4-5
3	9-Jun	6:00pm	Homework 2 Due
	9-Jun	6:00pm - 6:45pm	Quiz 1: Material from lectures 1-2
	9-Jun	6:50pm - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 9
4	16-Jun	6:00pm	Homework 3 Due
	16-Jun	6:00 - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 9 + Review
5	23-Jun	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Exam 1: All prior material
	23-Jun	7:35pm - 10:00pm	Lecture: Bankruptcy and Financial Distress Handout, Chapter 7
6	30-Jun	6:00pm	Homework 4 Due
	30-Jun	6:00 - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 8
7	7-Jul	6:00pm	Homework 5 Due
	7-Jul	6:00pm - 6:45pm	Quiz 2: Material from lectures 5-6
	7-Jul	6:50pm - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 10
8	14-Jul	6:00pm	Homework 6 Due
	14-Jul	6:00 - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 11 + Review
9	21-Jul	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Exam 2: All material after exam 1
	21-Jul	7:35pm - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 13
10	28-Jul	6:00 - 10:00pm	Lecture: Chapter 13 and Leasing Handout
11	4-Aug	6:00pm	Homework 7 Due
	4-Aug	6:00pm - 6:45pm	Quiz 3: Material from lectures 9-10
	4-Aug	6:50pm - 10:00pm	Lecture: M&A Handout + Review
Final Exam Week	9-Aug	8:00pm - 9:30pm	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 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.*