

Course Syllabus



Course FIN 3320
Course Title Business Finance
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Meetings Thursday 4:00PM - 6:45PM
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Instructor Resources

[Registrar's Intranet](#): please log in with your UTD NetID and password to access this site. Information that faculty need about grading, scheduling, and other essential aspects of our responsibilities related to teaching are made available and updated regularly in the Registrar's Intranet. This source of information can only be accessed by logging in with your UTD NetID and password. Many important faculty questions are answered here, and this is information that faculty members are expected to know and understand.

[FERPA Guidelines](#): you will be asked to log in before you access the FERPA Faculty Guidelines webpage on the Registrar's Intranet. If faculty have additional questions about FERPA guidance, please contact the Office of the Registrar at records@utdallas.edu for the proper student consent forms and further instructions. NOTE: Class recordings from prior semesters may be used as long there are no identifiable student information due to [FERPA](#) because instructors will need students' written consent first. Please review your previous class recordings for identifiable student information before using them in the current term. For additional guidance, contact the [Office of the Registrar](#).

[Honorlock](#): Online proctoring tool will be available for fully online courses and for classes with enrolled international students who are not yet in the United States.

[UT System Resources for Creating Accessible Course Content](#): designed to assist faculty with developing course content

General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions	ACCT 2301 and (OPRE3360 or STAT3360). FIN3320 Repeat Restriction.
Course Description	Financial decision making and the valuation of business enterprises, with particular focus on the use of discounted cash flow techniques in the selection of capital investment projects.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand basic concepts of financial analysis in a business setting• Be able to apply time value of money concepts to various valuation problems• Understand what drives a firm's cost of capital and know how to estimate it• Be able to analyze strategic investments in real and financial assets using various methodologies
Required Texts & Materials	No required textbook. Follow my slides only.
Suggested Texts, Readings, & Materials	Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 12th Ed., by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan, McGraw-/Irwin, 2018 The book is NOT required.
Recommended Calculator	Texas Instruments BA II Plus or Texas Instruments BA II Plus Professional

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Date	Topics	Assignments Deadlines
Week 1 1.22.26	Time Value of Money	
Week 2 1.29.26	Investment Decision Rules	
Week 3 2.5.26	Bond Valuation	Group assignment 1 Due on 2.3
Week 4 2.12.26	Stock Valuation	
Week 5 2.19.26	Practice Exam Review Group Presentation 1	Group assignment 2 Due on 2.17
Week 6 2.26.26	Exam I	
Week 7 3.5.26	Introduction to Financial Statement	
Week 8 3.12.26	Analysis of Financial Statements	
Week 9 3.19.26	Spring break. No class	
Week 10 3.26.26	Capital Investment Decision Project Analysis and Evaluation	
Week 11 4.2.26	Practice Exam Review Group Presentation 2	Group assignment 3 Due on 3.31
Week 12 4.9.26	Exam II	
Week 13 4.16.26	Assessing Risk Risk and Return	
Week 14 4.23.26	Cost of Capital	
Week 15 4.30.26	Practice Exam Review Group Presentation 3	Group assignment 4 Due on 4.30
Week 16 5.7.24	Exam III	

Course Policies

Group Assignment	I will give four assignments. The assignments should be submitted via eLearning only. A group of 4-5 students can work together on the assignment. The group should be formed before the end of the first week. See announcement on eLearning about how to register in a group.
Group Presentation	There will be three presentations during the semester. Each group is required to present at least once , and groups are welcome to present more than once. I will assign the presentation schedule; however, groups may exchange their presentation dates with my approval.
Exams	There will be two in-class exams. In order to be fair to everyone, exams must be taken on the specified dates. For those who cannot take the tests on the date of exam due to business travel, you should take it before leaving the town. No makeup exam will be granted (with the exception of medical situation with a doctor's note). Having too many exams within a same day/week is not an accepted reason for moving the exam date. All exams will be <i>closed book and closed notes</i> . No cell phone, PDA, laptop, iPad, and other electronic devices are allowed. Some of the basic formulae that demand memorization (in my judgement) will be provided at each exam.
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 AccessAbility Resource Center accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct .
Class Attendance	Regular and punctual class attendance is expected. Students who fail to attend class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. In some courses, instructors may have special attendance requirements; these should be made known to students during the first week of classes. I will count attendance every week at the end of the classes. If you show up 8 times, you will get full credit.

<p>Class Participation</p>	<p>Regular class participation is expected. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. A portion of the grade for this course is directly tied to your participation in this class. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.</p>
<p>Class Recordings</p>	<p>Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the AccessAbility Resource Center 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 AccessAbility Resource Center accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.</p> <p><i>NOTE: if the instructor records any part of the course, then the instructor will need to add the following syllabus statement:</i></p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Grading (credit) Criteria</p>	<p>Attendance: 8% (1% each) Group assignment: 20% (5% each) Group presentation: 12% Exam I: 20% Exam II: 20% Exam III: 20%</p> <p>Letter grades will be given at the end of the semester based on the weighted average scores. The final grade will be curved based on relative performance. I expect</p>

	<p>that all the work will be done in complete observance of the University's rules and regulations regarding academic integrity.</p> <p>No request for higher grade without hard work is accepted. Students should expect for fair grade.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Scaled score</i></th> <th><i>Letter equivalent</i></th> <th><i>Description</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>97.00 - 100</td> <td>A+</td> <td rowspan="3">Excellent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>93.00 - 96.99</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90.00 - 92.99</td> <td>A-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87.00 - 89.99</td> <td>B+</td> <td rowspan="3">Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>83.00 - 86.99</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80.00 - 82.99</td> <td>B-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>77.00 - 79.99</td> <td>C+</td> <td rowspan="3">Fair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>73.00 - 76.99</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70.00 - 72.99</td> <td>C-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>67.00 - 69.99</td> <td>D+</td> <td rowspan="3">Poor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>63.00 - 66.99</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60.00 - 62.99</td> <td>D-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Below 60.00</td> <td>F</td> <td>Failure</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Scaled score</i>	<i>Letter equivalent</i>	<i>Description</i>	97.00 - 100	A+	Excellent	93.00 - 96.99	A	90.00 - 92.99	A-	87.00 - 89.99	B+	Good	83.00 - 86.99	B	80.00 - 82.99	B-	77.00 - 79.99	C+	Fair	73.00 - 76.99	C	70.00 - 72.99	C-	67.00 - 69.99	D+	Poor	63.00 - 66.99	D	60.00 - 62.99	D-	Below 60.00	F	Failure
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Make-up Exams	Yes. Students must request approval before the scheduled exam.																																		
Extra Credit	Yes. Optional extra-credit work (worth up to 5%) will be provided at the end of the semester.																																		
Late Work	Late submission within 48 hours will receive 80% of the original points; late submission more than 48 hours is not accepted.																																		
Special Assignments	No																																		
Classroom Citizenship	Please turn off your mobile phones and other electronic devices to avoid disturbing. Please arrive on time and leave after class ends.																																		
Comet Creed	<i>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:</i>																																		

	<i>“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”</i>
Academic Support Resources	<i>The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students. Please go to http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources.</i>
UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures	<i>The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the sections regarding the credit/no credit grading option and withdrawal from class. Please go to http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies for these policies.</i>

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