

## Course Information

### Course

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| Course Number/Section | FIN 3320.502                      |
| Course Title          | Business Finance                  |
| Term and Dates        | 2013 Spring                       |
| Class Timings         | Wednesdays 7.00 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. |
| Classroom             | ECSS 2.201                        |

### Professor Contact Information

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| Office hours    | By appointment         |

### Other Information

Please use email address above to contact me. Please check your e-learning messages / announcements regularly.

**Pre-requisites** Math 1326, Math 2333 (or OPRE 3333), ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302

**Co-requisites** 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 the area of 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.

### Learning Outcomes

1. Be able to apply time value of money concepts to various valuation problems.
2. Be able to describe what drives a firm's cost of capital and how to estimate it.
3. Be able to analyze investments in real and financial assets using various methodologies.
4. Be able to construct excel spreadsheets to solve basic financial problems.

### Required Text

*Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*; McGraw-Hill Irwin; Tenth Edition, by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan. [with **Connect** access code required]. It may be more cost effective to purchase this as a new book packaged with Connect Plus code. Connect access may be purchased separately however.

Options:

1. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10<sup>th</sup> edition packaged with Connect Plus: ISBN: 9780077630706 Available at bookstore.
2. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Connect PLUS Finance code only: 9780077479497 (includes digital text). The link to the connect account for the students will be provided in the elearning website.
3. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10<sup>th</sup> edition, text only: 9780078034633 This would require separate purchase of Connect Code which can be done online from course link. (see below)
4. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Connect Finance code only: 9780077479466 The link to the connect account for the students will be provided in the elearning website.

**Connect** is an online software that allows students to submit homework assignments and check their work on line. Access to McGraw-Hill Connect is **required** for this course. **Connect Plus** is the Connect Finance code plus an e-version of the textbook.

### Text Resources

[http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078034639/student\\_view0/](http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078034639/student_view0/)

### Calculators

Calculator: TI BA II Plus (or Plus Professional) is the only calculator you will be able to use on the exams. Instructions posted on eLearning.

### Practice Problems

#### Web Address for this class for Connect is:

The link to the connect account for the students will be provided in the elearning website. Practice problems from the end-of-chapter problems sets are assigned as Homework Sets. We will go over some of these in class.

**Students are required to complete these on the McGraw-Hill Connect system.**

### Readings

You will be responsible for any reading articles posted on eLearning.

### Class Schedule/Academic Calendar

The above schedule is tentative. The instructor may make changes in the schedule as and when required. Students should continually check eLearning for updates to the Schedule shown below.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

|   | Date | Topic    | Assignment     | Due |
|---|------|----------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | 1/16 | Ch 2 & 3 | Homework set 1 |     |
| 2 | 1/23 | Ch 3 & 4 | Homework set 2 |     |

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|-------|------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 3     | 1/30 | Ch 4 & 5  | Homework set 3  |                          |
| 4     | 2/6  | <b>Quiz 1</b><br>Ch 5 & 6                                     | Homework set 4  | Homework sets 1, 2 & 3   |
| 5     | 2/13 | Ch 6 & review   | Homework set 5  |                          |
| 6     | 2/20 | <b>Quiz 2</b> - Start<br>Ch 7                                 |                 | Homework sets 4 & 5      |
| 7     | 2/27 | Ch 7 & 8  | Homework set 6  |                          |
| 8     | 3/6  | <b>Quiz 3</b> - Ch 9  | Homework set 7  |                          |
| -     | 3/13 | Spring Break –<br>No Class                                    |                 |                          |
| 9     | 3/20 | Ch 10   | Homework set 8  | Homework sets 6, 7 & 8   |
| 10    | 3/27 | <b>Mid term exam</b><br>Start Ch 12                           |                 |                          |
| 11    | 4/3  | Ch 12 & 13  | Homework set 9  |                          |
| 12    | 4/10 | Ch 13   | Homework set 10 |                          |
| 13    | 4/17 | Ch 14   | Homework set 11 | Homework sets 9, 10 & 11 |
| 14    | 4/24 | <b>Quiz 4</b> - Start<br>review                               |                 |                          |
| 15    | 5/1  | Review for final  |                 |                          |
| Final | 5/11 | <b>Comprehensive<br/>Final Exam</b><br>Davidson<br>Auditorium |                 |                          |

## Course Policies

### Course Grade

Course grade will be weighted as follows:

Quizzes 35%  
Mid Term Exam 20%  
Homework Assign/Excel 20%  
Final Exam: 25%

### Grading

Course grades are: A, B, C, D and F. Corresponding grade ranges and grade points are shown below.

90 - 100 A  
85 - 89 A-  
80 - 84 B+  
75 - 79 B  
70 - 74 B-  
65 - 69 C+  
55 - 64 C  
0 - 54 F

## **Class Procedure**

Students should review assigned chapter material prior to the class session and are expected to participate in class.

## **EXAMS**

No make-up exams allowed. Laptops are NOT allowed during exams. Financial calculators are required. If Scantron forms are used, they supersede handwritten responses on the exam. All students are REQUIRED to take final exam.

## **Uniform Final Exam**

The final exam will be a uniform finance department final exam on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Two exam times will be announced and our class will be assigned one of those two times once class enrollment in all sections is determined. (Times will likely be 1:00pm – 3:45pm and 4:00 - 6:45pm). There is no makeup and you will not be allowed to bring backpacks, bags, books, cell phones, laptops, notebooks, scratch paper, calculators that store text such as graphing calculators...etc. The only calculators permitted will be the TI BA II Plus (or Plus Professional). You will have to bring pencil, eraser, financial calculator (see above), Scantron form 882-E and a photo ID (UTD issued preferred, state driver's license or passport). Students will not be able to take the exam without a photo ID.

Emergencies such as hospitalization, car wrecks on the way to the test, etc. will have to be substantiated by supporting documents and in these cases the students will receive an incomplete in the course and will take the exam during the next scheduled final exam for Fin 3320. There will be no exceptions. Exam will be in SOM 1.118 (Davidson Auditorium).

## **Academic Integrity**

The faculty expects a high level of responsibility and academic honesty from its students. **This is important** and could affect your grade and university status. See <http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003>

## **Withdrawal from Class**

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled. I will NOT announce withdrawal deadlines or any other enrollment related dates.

## **UTD Policies**

### **Policies and Procedures for Students**

The University of Texas at Dallas provides a number of policies and procedures designed to provide students with a safe and supportive learning environment. Brief summaries of the policies and procedures are provided for you at <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> and

include information about technical support, field trip policies, off-campus activities, student conduct and discipline, academic integrity, copyright infringement, email use, withdrawal from class, student grievance procedures, incomplete grades, access to Disability Services (Office of Student Accessibility – OSA), religious holy days and avoiding plagiarism. You may also seek further information at these websites:

- <http://www.utdallas.edu/deanofstudents/>
- <http://www.utdallas.edu/deanofstudents/policies/>
- <http://www.utdallas.edu/studentaccess/>