Course Information

Course

Course Number/Section	FIN 3320.501.13F
Course Title	Business Finance
Term and Dates	2013 Fall
Class Timings	Mondays & Wednesdays 5.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
Classroom	1.102

Professor Contact Information

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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 is as a new book packaged with Connect Plus code. Connect access may be purchased separately however.

Options:

1. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10th 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). http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/h_mittal_fall_2013_section_1_1
3. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10th 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 http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/h_mittal_fall_2013_section_1_1

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/

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:

http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/h_mittal_fall_2013_section_1_1

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.

McGraw Hill Connect

Student Registration for Connect through Blackboard

• Sign into your school's Blackboard.
• Go to your instructor's course.
• Go to the "Tools" menu.
• Click on the "McGraw-Hill Higher Education" link.
• Below "My Connect Section", click Go to My Connect Section.
• Follow the on-screen instructions to register.

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
Aug 26 & 28	Ch 1 & 2	Homework set 1	
Sep 2 – Labor day	No class		
Sep 4 & 9	Ch 3 & 4	Homework set 2	
Sep 11 & 16	Ch 4 & 5	Homework set 3	
Sep 18	**Quiz 1** Ch 5	Homework set 4	Homework sets1, 2 & 3 due on Sep 17
Sep 23 & 25	Ch 6 & review	Homework set 5	
Sep 30	**Quiz 2** - Start Ch 7		Homework sets4 & 5 due on Sep 29
Oct 2	Ch 7		
Oct 7 & 9	Ch 8	Homework set 6	
Oct 14 & 16	Ch 9	Homework set 7	
Oct 21	**Quiz – 3** Start Ch 10	Homework set 8	Homework sets 6 & 7 due on Oct 20
Oct 23 & 28	Ch 11		
Oct 30	Ch 12		
Nov 4 & 6	Ch 12 & 13	Homework set 9	
Nov 11 & 13	Ch 13	Homework set 10	
Nov 18 & 20	Ch 14	Homework set 11	Homework sets9, 10 & 11
Nov 25 - 30	**Fall break – No classes**		
Dec 2	**Quiz 4**		
Dec 4	Start review		
Dec 9 & 11	Review for final		
Dec 14	**Comprehensive Final Exam** Davidson Auditorium		

Course Policies

Course Grade

Course grade will be weighted as follows:

Quizzes 55%
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.
A : 90-100%
B : 80-90%
C: 70-79%
D: 60-69%
F: Below 60%

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, Dec 14, 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 8 to 10:45am and from 11 to 1:45pm). 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 Accessability – 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/