

Course Information

Course

Course Number/Section	FIN 3320.004.13F
Course Title	Business Finance
Term and Dates	2014 Spring, January 13, 2014 through May 12, 2014
Class Timings	Wednesdays 7.00 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.
Classroom	GR 3.302

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_spring_2014
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_spring_2014

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_spring_2014

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
Jan 15	Ch 1 & 2	Homework set 1	
Jan 22	Ch 3 & 4	Homework set 2	
Jan 29	Ch 4 & 5	Homework set 3	
Feb 5	Quiz 1 Ch 5 & 6	Homework set 4	Homework sets1, 2 & 3 due on Feb 4
Feb 12	Ch 6	Homework set 5	
Feb 19	Quiz 2 & Ch 7	Homework set 6	Homework sets4 & 5 due on Feb 18
Feb 26	Ch 8 & 9	Homework set 7	
Mar 5	Quiz – 3 Start Ch 10	Homework set 8	Homework sets 6 & 7 due on Mar 4
Mar 12	Ch 11		
Mar 19	Ch 12	Homework set 9	
Mar 26	Ch 13	Homework set 10	
Apr 2	Ch 14	Homework set 11	Homework sets9, 10 & 11 due on Apr 1
Apr 9	Quiz 4		
Apr 16, 23 & 30	Review for final		
May 10	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+: 95 and above

A : 90-94%

B+: 85-89%

B : 80-84%

C+: 75-79%

C : 70-74%

D+: 65-69%

D : 60-65%

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, May 10, 2014 from 8 to 10.45 a.m. 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/>