

	Course	FIN 3320.HON Business Finance
	Professor	George DeCourcy
	Term	Fall 2014
	Meetings	Monday/Wednesday 10:00 – 11:15am JSOM 12.222

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General Course Information

Pre-requisites	Math 1326, Math 2333 (or OPRE 3333), ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, MIS3300
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Required Text	<p><i>Fundamentals of Corporate Finance</i>; 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.</p> <p>Connect is an online browser-based program that allows students to submit homework assignments and check their work online. Access to McGraw-Hill Connect is required for this course and this requires an access code. Connect Plus is a combination of the Connect access code AND an e-version digital copy of the textbook.</p>

	<p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10th edition hardcopy packaged with Connect Plus: ISBN: 9780077630706 [Recommended] Available at bookstore. 2. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Connect PLUS, access code and digital text: 9780077479497 3. Ross, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Standard 10th edition, textbook 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 access code only: 9780077479466 5. There are also loose-leaf versions and an Alternate Edition of this text book. The latter has a few extra chapters. <p>You can register for Connect and/or buy access code at the web link presented below under Web Link for this class.</p>
Text Resources	http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078034639/student_view0/
Required 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.
Web Link & Practice Problems	<p>Web Address for this class for Connect is: http://connect.mheducation.com/class/decourcy-3320-f14-sechon</p> <p>Practice problems from the end-of-chapter problems sets are assigned as Homework Sets. We will go over some of these in class.</p> <p>Students are required to complete these on the McGraw-Hill Connect system.</p>
McGraw Hill Connect	<p>Student Registration for Connect through Blackboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign into the eLearning system. • Go to your course, then Assignments. Click on any Assignment • Register (with code or purchase one). You are done. • If problems, Go to the "Tools" menu in eLearning • 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 material covered in each session is subject to change and may be updated throughout the semester. Students should continually check eLearning for updates to the Schedule shown below.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Version 1.0*

	Date	Topic	Assignment Due **	Comment
	8/25	Intro and start Ch 2	See eLearning	
	8/27	Ch 2 & 3	See eLearning	
	9/1	No class – Labor Day		
	9/3	Ch 3	See eLearning 2	
	9/8	Ch5	See eLearning	
	9/10	Ch 5 & start Ch 6	See eLearning 3	
	9/15	Ch 6	See eLearning	
	9/17	Review	See eLearning 5	
	9/22	Exam 1	See eLearning	
	9/24	Ch 7	See eLearning 6	
	9/29	Ch 7	See eLearning	
	10/1	Ch 8	See eLearning 7	
	10/6	Ch 8	See eLearning	
	10/8	Ch 9	See eLearning 8	
	10/13	Ch 9	See eLearning	
	10/15	Ch 9 & 10	See eLearning 9	Excel model review
	10/20	Ch 10	See eLearning	
	10/22	Ch 10	See eLearning 10	Excel assignment due
	10/27	Review		
	10/29	Exam 2	See eLearning -	
	11/3	Ch 11	See eLearning	
	11/5	Ch 11 & 13	See eLearning 11	
	11/10	Ch 13	See eLearning	
	11/12	Ch 13 & 14	See eLearning 13	
	11/17	Ch 14	See eLearning	
	11/19	Ch 12	See eLearning 14	
	11/24	No class		
	11/26	No class		
	12/1	Review	See eLearning	
	12/3	Exam 3		
	12/8	Review for final		
	12/10	Review for final		
Final	12/13 8:00a-10:45	Comprehensive Final Exam Davidson Auditorium		

* Updates, if any, will be accompanied by an “Announcement” and repost on eLearning

**Tentative homework due dates (by Chapter #) shown. See eLearning or “Connect” for updates

Course Policies

Course Grade	<p>Course grade will be weighted as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Exam 1</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Exam 2</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Exam 3:</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Homework Assign & Excel</td><td>15%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam:</td><td>25%</td></tr> </table> <p>If lowest score on Exams 1, 2 and 3 is less than Final Exam score, then the final exam score will be used in lieu of that low score.</p>	Exam 1	20%	Exam 2	20%	Exam 3:	20%	Homework Assign & Excel	15%	Final Exam:	25%
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Class Procedure	Students should review assigned chapter material <u>prior</u> to the class session and are expected to participate in class.										
EXAMS	<p>No make-up exams allowed.</p> <p>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.</p>										
Missed Exams	Should you miss any of the first three exams, your final exam will be re-weighted to account for the missed exam. See below if you miss the Uniform (Common) Final Exam.										
Uniform Final Exam	<p>A COMMON FINAL exam will be given for all students in this course on as indicated on schedule. Our section will be assigned a specific time slot by the registrar’s office. There is no makeup if you miss this exam. 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 Comet Card preferred, state driver’s license or passport).</p> <p>Students will not be able to take the exam without a photo ID.</p> <p>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).</p>										

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. <u>It is the student's responsibility</u> 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/>