

	Course	FIN 3320 Sec. 006 Business Finance
	Professor	George DeCourcy
	Term	Fall 2016
	Meetings	Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am – 9:45am JSOM 2.107

Professor's Contact Information

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General Course Information

Pre-requisites	ACCT 2301, Math 1326 (or 2414 or 2419), Math 2333 (or 2415or 2418 or CS 2305 or OPRE 3333)
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 strategic investment in real and financial assets using various methodologies.
Required Text (options explained in first class)	<p><i>Fundamentals of Corporate Finance</i>; McGraw-Hill Irwin; 11th Edition, by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan. [with Connect access required].</p> <p>Connect is an online browser-based platform that includes a digital version of the text, practice questions, allows submission of homework assignments. Access to McGraw-Hill Connect is required for this course. To access and register for connect, simply go to the Assignments folder in eLearning and click on any assignment.</p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital Only – 1 semester access. Includes SmartBook and Connect access. Available directly from McGraw Hill or

	<p>through bookstore.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Loose-leaf print with <i>Connect</i> purchased from bookstore (See bookstore) [Recommended] 3. Hard back text book purchased from bookstore with <i>Connect</i> code.
Calculators	<p>TI BA II Plus (or Plus Professional) is the recommended financial calculator for the course and will be used in class. However you are allowed to use any calculator except one that (i) resides on a smart phone or (ii) has internet access. Programmable calculators (e.g. TI-83 or TI-84) can be used without the programmable features. Exam proctors can monitor calculators to insure programmable features are not being used.</p> <p>Time-value-of-money material in this course will be taught using (i) five fundamental math equations and/or, (ii) using financial-function keys on a calculator. If you master either approach you can be successful in this course.</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 "Course Tools" menu in eLearning • Click on the "McGraw-Hill Higher Education" link. • Below "McGraw-Hill Connect section", click Go to My Connect Section. • Follow the on-screen instructions to register. • Or see direct link below
Web Link	<p>If a student has issues getting on the McGraw Hill connect system, the direct link for this course is: http://connect.mheducation.com/class/decourcy-3320-006-f16</p>
Readings	<p>You will be responsible for any reading articles posted on eLearning.</p>
Class Schedule / Academic Calendar	<p>The material covered in each session is subject to change and may be updated throughout the semester. Students should regularly check eLearning for updates to the Schedule shown below.</p>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR - SCHEDULE OF CLASSES
Version 1.0*

	Date	Topic	Assignment Due **	Comment
1	8/23	Intro and start Ch 2	See eLearning	
2	8/25	Ch 2	See eLearning	
3	8/30	Ch 3	See eLearning	
4	9/1	Ch 3 & start Ch 5	See eLearning 2	
5	9/6	Ch 5 & start Ch 6	See eLearning	
6	9/8	Ch 6	See eLearning 3	
7	9/13	Ch 6 & start review	See eLearning	Ch 6 assign hints
8	9/15	Review	See eLearning 5	
9	9/20	Exam 1	See eLearning	
10	9/22	Ch 7	See eLearning 6	
11	9/27	Ch 8	See eLearning	
12	9/29	Ch 8	See eLearning 7	
13	10/4	Ch 9	See eLearning	
14	10/6	Ch 9	See eLearning 8	
15	10/11	Ch 10	See eLearning	
16	10/13	Ch 10	See eLearning 9	Excel model review
17	10/18	Review	See eLearning	
18	10/20	Review	See eLearning 10	Excel assignment due
19	10/25	Exam 2		
20	10/27	Ch 11	See eLearning	Ch 11 HW extra file avail
21	11/1	Ch 11 & 13	See eLearning	
22	11/3	Ch 13	See eLearning 11	
23	11/8	Ch 13 & 14	See eLearning	
24	11/10	Ch 14	See eLearning 13	
25	11/15	Ch 12 & Review	See eLearning	
26	11/17	Review	See eLearning 14	
	11/22	No class		
	11/24	No class		
27	11/29	Exam 3		
28	12/1	Special topics Review for final		
29	12/6	Review for final		
Final	TBA	Comprehensive Final Exam Location/Time: TBA		Likely to be held in Testing Center where a seat reservation required.

* 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

<p>Course Grade</p>	<p>Course grade will be weighted as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Exam 1</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exam 2</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exam 3:</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Excel Assignment</td> <td>7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapter Assignments</td> <td>14%</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	18%	Exam 2	18%	Exam 3:	18%	Excel Assignment	7%	Chapter Assignments	14%	Final Exam:	25%
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<p>Grading</p>	<p>Course grades are: A, B, C, D and F. Corresponding grade ranges and grade points are shown below.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A :</td> <td>90-100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B :</td> <td>80-90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C:</td> <td>70-79%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D:</td> <td>60-69%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F:</td> <td>Below 60%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Instructor may assign a “+” or “-” suffix to above grade ranges.</p>	A :	90-100%	B :	80-90%	C:	70-79%	D:	60-69%	F:	Below 60%		
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<p>Class Procedure</p>	<p>Students should review assigned chapter material <u>prior</u> to the class session and are expected to participate in class.</p>												
<p>EXAMS</p>	<p>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 (so complete carefully). All students are REQUIRED to take final exam.</p>												
<p>Missed Exams</p>	<p>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 Common Final Exam.</p>												
<p>Uniform Final Exam</p>	<p>A common final exam will be given for all students across all sections of this Fin3320 course as indicated on the schedule. Each section will be assigned a specific time slot by the registrar’s office and I will notify you of the timeslot when it is known. You cannot make up this exam if you miss it (except as indicated). At this comprehensive final exam, you cannot bring backpacks, bags, books, cellphones, laptops, notebooks, etc. to your seat and will be asked to leave these items at the front of the room (or in locker if at testing center). Please see the section above titled “Calculators” for information about what types of calculators are permitted. You will also need acceptable photo ID (e.g., UTD Comet Card (preferred), state driver’s license, or passport). See testing center requirements on UTD website.</p> <p>If a student is to miss the exam in the event of a medical emergency, a car accident, or a religious holy day, the student must notify his/her instructor by e-mail or telephone before the final exam begins. Last-minute emergencies such as hospitalization, car wrecks on the way to the exam, et cetera, will have to be substantiated by supporting</p>												

	documents. In such cases appropriate accommodation can be made, but the student may receive an incomplete grade (an “I”) in the course pending resolution.
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 Comet Creed: “As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity and service in all that I do.”
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/>