

Course Syllabus

Course: FIN 3330 – Personal Financial Planning

Spring Term 2018

FIN 3330.002 Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am – 11:15 am JSOM 1.110
FIN 3330.003 Monday & Wednesday 2:30 pm -- 3:45 pm JSOM 2.804
FIN 3330-501 Monday only 7:00 pm – 9:45 pm JSOM 12.214

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*email is the best way to leave me a message. I want to get to know as many students as possible. Please come up to me or come to my office with any questions or just to get acquainted. We have very large classes this term, and it takes a little extra time to get to know you.

Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

ACCT 2301 and (MATH 1326 or MATH 2414 or MATH 2419) and (MATH 2333 or MATH 2415 or MATH 2418 or CS 2305 or OPRE 3333). Co-requisite: OPRE 3360 or STAT 3360.

Course Description

Introduction to personal financial planning concepts and applications. Topics include insurance planning, retirement planning, investment planning, asset accumulation and distribution planning, tax planning, estate planning, and employee benefit planning. Open only to students majoring in either finance or accounting.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the major components of a personal financial plan.
 - Establish goals. Construct a usable personal budget.
 - Explain the components and importance of a credit report.
 - Describe the fundamental provisions of health, auto, and life insurance contracts.
 - Explain the process for obtaining personal loans and home mortgages.
 - Describe various retirement vehicles including social security
 - Describe various estate planning tools including legal documents each person needs.
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Required Textbooks and Materials – This is a new edition of this textbook. You will need the book as well as access to LMS integrated for MindTap. The below ‘bundle’ includes both.

Billingsley/Gitman/Joehnk -Bundle: Personal Finance Planning, Loose-leaf Version, 14th + LMS Integrated for MindTap® Finance, 1 term (6 months) Printed Access Card

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\$140 at Cengage; \$125 special price at campus bookstore

Week of	Topic	Chapter(s)	Testing Center Exam Times
Monday, January 8 2018	Financial Planning Process & GOALS	Chapter 1	
	Personal Financial Statements	Chapter 2	
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018	Personal Income Taxes	Chapter 3	No class 1/15 MLK Day
Monday, January 22	Managing Cash, Checking & REVIEW	Chapter 4	
EXAM 1 IN CLASS	Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4		Wednesday 1/24 IN CLASS
Monday, January 29	Auto and Home Decisions	Chapter 5	
Monday, February 5	Credit and Credit Report & start Ch 7	Chapter 6	
Monday, February 12	Auto & Home Loans & REVIEW	Chapter 7	
EXAM 2 @ Testing Center	Chapter 5, 6, & 7	No class 2/14*	Tuesday 2/13 - Monday 2/19
Monday, February 19	Life Insurance & Health Insurance	Chapter 8	
Monday, February 26	Health Insurance & Home Insurance	Chapter 9 & 10	Midterm Grades due 3/3
Monday, March 5	Auto Insurance & REVIEW	Chapter 10	
EXAM 3 @ Testing Center	Chapters 8, 9, 10	No class 3/7*	Tuesday 3/6 - Tuesday 3/20
	Spring Break 3/12 - 3/18	<i>Allowing a day after the break for exam</i>	
Monday, March 19	Retirement Planning	Chapter 14	
Monday March 26	Estate Planning	Chapter 15	
Monday, April 2	Legal Documents & REVIEW		
EXAM 4 @ Testing Center	Chapter 14, 15	No class 4/4*	Tuesday April 3 - Monday 4/9
Monday, April 9	Investing in Stocks & Bonds	Chapter 12	
Monday, April 16	Mutual Funds & Other & REVIEW	Chapter 13	
Monday, April 23	Recap of Class and Open Questions		
EXAM 5 @ Testing Center	Chapters 12, 13	No class 4/25*	Tuesday 4/17 - Tuesday 4/24
	* Class day allocated for testing time at testing center		

***Notes:**

- **The first exam will be administered in class on Monday night 1/22 and Wednesday during class time on 1/24. All other Exams** will be taken at the testing center. You will be provided one class period off as well as a number of days in which to schedule your exam. Each student is responsible for securing an acceptable time to take the exam. The testing center is unavailable certain days due to other testing center conflicts. You must schedule your exam times with the testing center. Set up a time as soon as possible for all exams. It is easier to change a time than to get one later.
- Each student is responsible for staying current with university drop/withdrawal deadlines.
- A detailed schedule of activities and important dates will be maintained in the eLearning portal for this course – please log on daily to stay current.
- MINDTAP assignments are DUE at NOON on the final testing day for those chapters. It is a good idea to complete these assignments BEFORE you take your tests!!

Grading Policy

Grade Components and Weights

- Exams = 5 @ 200 points each = The best 4 exams count -- 4 x 200= 800
- Projects assigned during class – Total of 44 Points. Possible points for each project will be reduced by 1 point for each day project is turned in late.
- Mind Tap Practice and Activities – 12 points per chapter for 13 chapters = 156 points
- Total possible points = 1,000 points
- Professor retains the right to provide extra small bonus points during class time at Professor's sole discretion. All students present will be eligible to participate.

Grade Scale

967 – 1000 = A+	867 – 899 = B+	767 – 799 = C+	667 – 699 = D+	
900 – 967 = A	800 – 866 = B	700 – 766 = C	600 – 666 = D	0 – 599 = F

Course & Instructor Policies

eLearning: You are expected to stay current with information that is posted on eLearning for this course. Exam dates, assignments, reference documents, and important communications will be posted on eLearning.

Make-up exams: No make-up exams will be given unless pre-arranged and/or a note from a doctor is provided (or comparable evidence for car accidents, etc.). You will have several days to schedule each exam with the testing center.

Late work: Assignments and exams will not be accepted after their due dates.

Class attendance: Expected but not required. Professor may provide additional small point rewards for certain days of attending or participating in class activities. These points are discretionary.

Extra credit work: None

Computation Aids: As with professional certification exams, you will be allowed to use a calculator on your exams. It is recommended that if you do not already have a financial calculator you consider the TI BAII Plus or the TI BAII Plus Professional. These calculators are affordable and are accepted for use on most professional certification exams (e.g., CPA, CFA, etc.). If you use a calculator, then you will be responsible for knowing how to use it prior to the exam. **You may not use a device that can store large amounts of text or provide internet access as a computational aid.** : You are expected to be able to use a calculator to compute the 5 financial functions (Number of Years, Interest Rate, PV, PMT, and FV) Throughout your life, you may be called on to make various computations. This class does not teach the calculator, and does not care which calculator you use. If you want to borrow a book from my office to get up to speed with your calculator, please come by and check it out

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

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, and religious holy days.

AccessAbility Services

It is the policy and practice of The University of Texas at Dallas to make reasonable disability-related accommodations and/or services for students with documented disabilities. However, written notification from the Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) is required (see <http://www.utdallas.edu/studentaccess>). If you are eligible to receive disability-related accommodations and/or services and to ensure accommodations will be in place when the academic semester begins, students are encouraged to submit documentation

four to six weeks in advance. Students who have questions about receiving accommodations, or those who have, or think they may have, a disability (mobility, sensory, health, psychological, learning, etc.) are invited to contact the Office of Student AccessAbility for a confidential discussion.

JSOM is a professional school whose mission, in part, is to prepare students for the business community. Therefore, students will present themselves with commonly accepted business manners and appearance. Doing so will add to one's professional points. Comet Creed This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same: "As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity and service in all that I do."

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.