

**Fin3320 Business Finance**  
**Fall 2020**  
Section 0e1  
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**Course Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions/Expectations:**

Prerequisites courses for Fin3320 are Prerequisite: (MATH 1325 or MATH 2413 or MATH 2417). Prerequisites or Corequisites: ACCT 2301 and (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.

**Course Objectives:**

You will learn to understand how and when to apply the basic concepts of financial analysis in a business setting, demonstrated through your ability to:

- Be able to apply time-value-of-money concepts to various valuation problems.
- Be able to describe what drives a firm's cost of capital and how to estimate it.
- Be able to analyze investments in real and financial assets using various methodologies.

**Class Lectures**

This course is a remote learning course. Class lecture slides will be posted on eLearning. Recorded lecture will be posted on MS Teams before the class convenes. You can watch the videos during or before the class time. I will open a session in blackboard collaborate in eLearning for the duration of the class time. The collaborate session is for you to ask any questions while you watch the video lectures.

You can choose to participate asynchronously. To do so you will need to access videos of the lectures via MS Teams. You will have the opportunity to complete all assignments asynchronously but you must meet the assignment and quiz deadlines. You can learn more about asynchronous learning at UTD at:

<https://www.utdallas.edu/fall-2020/asynchronous-access-for-fall-2020/>

For help with Microsoft Teams please visit <https://www.utdallas.edu/oit/howto/microsoft-teams/>

**Class Materials**

The Instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

**Participation Quiz**

You will be taking a Quiz each week with 5 Multiple choice questions based on the lecture that week. I will be posting announcements about each participation quiz as it becomes available. The Quiz will be available during the last 30 minutes of the class, once you start you will have to finish in 15 minutes. Please make sure that you lis-

ten and work through problems in the lecture to be able to do the questions on the Quiz. The questions on the Quiz will be made available one by one and you won't be able to backtrack (meaning once you click to the next question, you won't be able to go back to the prior question). **If you miss the window to take the Quiz, you won't be able to take it.**

If you plan to participate via asynchronous access, you will need to notify me once the fall 2020 semester begins on Monday, Aug. 17, or at any point during the semester, as soon as you know you will be accessing the class asynchronously.

### **HWs**

You will have one HW due every week. You will be responsible for keeping a track of the deadline, no late work would be accepted.

### **Midterm Exam**

You will be taking three midterm Exams via eLearning. All the questions will be multiple choice, you will have 90 minutes to finish 30 questions. No makeup, unless you have a documented proof of medical or family emergency.

This course will use [Honorlock](#) – an online exam proctoring tool. To successfully take an exam, you must have a web camera with microphone, a laptop or desktop computer (no tablets/phones), Chrome browser, a reliable internet connection and your photo ID. You will be prompted to install the Honorlock Chrome Extension (which you can remove after you finish the test). You will then access the exam within your eLearning course and go through the authentication process. The web camera will monitor you throughout your test. Please see the [Testing Guidelines](#) and [Support Information](#) for additional information.

### **Calculators:**

For the exams for this course, you are allowed to use any calculator that you prefer except for (i) calculators that reside on smart phones or (ii) any calculator that has wireless access to the internet. Also, if you use a programmable calculator (e.g., TI-83 Plus or TI-84), you are not allowed to use the programming features of your calculator. An exam proctor will check your calculator before (or during) each exam to be sure that it complies with this rule. Please do not risk having to incur the consequences. If you plan to use an unfamiliar, obscure type of calculator, you should check with your instructor any time before the actual exam date to avoid any potential complications during the actual exam.

The time-value-of-money material in this course will be taught to you in two ways: (1) using five fundamental math equations and (2) using financial-function keys on a calculator. If you master either approach, you are perfectly well-equipped to be successful in this course; mastering both approaches makes you even more competent.

Your course instructor is required to be fluent in the financial functions for only calculators that are made by Texas Instruments and contain financial functions (e.g., TI BA II Plus, TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus, TI-86, etc.). If you choose to use the financial functions on any calculator that is not of the Texas Instruments brand, you are required to learn these keys on your own. Any common calculator will have a user's manual, as well as tutorials on YouTube for how to use it.

SUGGESTION: If you use a TI BA II Plus (or Plus Professional), you will be wise to change the order of operations on your calculator, so that the keystrokes " $2 + 3 \times 4$ " yield 14 (and not 20 – ha!) or so that " $6 + 3 \wedge 2$ " yields 15 (and not 81!). Also, you also almost certainly want to re-program your calculator so that it reports results to five or six decimals (as opposed to two).

### **Required Text**

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance; McGraw-Hill Irwin; Tenth Edition, by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan.

### **Grading Policy:**

Your grade will be based largely upon your performance on four exams, including a comprehensive final exam that will be taken in common, at the exact same time, by all students who are enrolled in all of the various sections of Fin3320 this semester. Exam dates are listed in the Course Schedule near the end of the syllabus. Your grade also depends on your performance on homework assignments and a project. **ROUNDING:** Final grades are also rounded to the nearest 100th of a percent.

SCALE: Total score of  $\geq 93$  is A

$89 \leq \text{score} < 93$  is A-

$86 \leq \text{score} < 89$  is B+

$83 \leq \text{score} < 86$  is B

$79 \leq \text{score} < 83$  is B-

$76 \leq \text{score} < 79$  is C+

$73 \leq \text{score} < 76$  is C

$59 \leq \text{score} < 73$  is C-

$\text{score} < 59$  is F

<u>Graded Item(s)</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Graded Item(s)</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Exam 1	19.0%	Homework Assignments	9.0%
Exam 2	19.0%	Class Participation	9.0%
Exam 3	19.0%	Final Exam	25.0%

### Midterm Exams

- Financial calculators are required.
- No make-up exams will be allowed.

### Uniform Final Exam

- A common final exam will be given for all students across all sections of FIN 3320 during finals week.
- All students are REQUIRED to take the final exam.
- More information about Final Exam will be posted on eLearning.

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

**Extra credit: None**

### University of Texas at Dallas 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 sites: <http://www.utdallas.edu/deanofstudents>, <http://www.utdallas.edu/deanofstudents/policies>, and <http://www.utdallas.edu/studentaccess>.

### Academic Integrity:

The faculty expects a high level of responsibility and academic honesty from its students. Academic responsibility and honesty are important and any departures and/or violations could severely affect your grade and university status. For additional information, please see <http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdsp5003>.

### Withdrawals:

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. The student is responsible for fulfilling the withdrawal requirements associated with 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" and receive a "W" instead 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.

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<b><u>Course Schedule (subject to change)</u></b>	
Dates	Material covered
Week 1	Introduc'n, Ch.2
Week 2	Chs.2,3
Week 3	Ch.5
Week 4	Ch.6
Week 5	<b>Exam 1</b>
Week 6	Ch.8
Week 7	Ch.7
Week 8	Ch.9
Week 9	Ch.10
Week 10	<b>Exam 2</b>
Week 11	Chs.11
Week 12	Chs.13
Week 13	Chs.14
Week 14	Chs.12
Week 15	<b>Exam 3</b>

**Exams: You will be taking Exams via eLearning. The Exam will be open for 24 hours, you have have 90 minutes to finish it.**

Exam 1: 9/15/2020  
 Exam 2: 10/20/2020  
 Exam 3: 11/24/2020

Final Exam:  
 TBD