I. Course Description

This course examines general business finance within the economic environment. Topics will include financial reporting, analysis, markets and regulations, and global financial and ethical topics. We will also cover the following: corporate financial risk, firm valuation, capital budgeting, working capital management, and other decision rules in the context of the overall goal to maximize the value of the firm. Our overall focus will be on total quality financial management in the corporate environment.

II. Prerequisite

FIN 304, Intro to Business Finance, or FIN 501, Finance for Decision Makers, or consent of instructor.

III. Learning Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of Financial Management, the students should be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the advanced concepts of contemporary financial management and the application of its methods.
2. Demonstrate an ability to analyze and apply asset valuation techniques.
3. Demonstrate an understanding and the ability to measure strategic financial decisions in a risk/return context as it relates to today’s dynamic world.

IV. Required Course Materials

   * The student free companion content site can be accessed at:
     http://www.wadsworth.com/cgi-wadsworth/course_products_wp.pl?fid=M20b&product_isbn_issn=9780538479172&token=

2. Financial Calculator: Texas Instruments BAII Plus calculator or comparable (not alpha programmable). For free guidebook/reference of TI BAII+, see:
   or http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/ti_ba2/
   * PowerPoint slides will be oriented toward the TI BAII Plus.
V.  Recommended Reading

Wall Street Journal

VI.  Policies and Procedures

Webinars

A Class Live Pro Webinar is scheduled for each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, CDT. It is strongly recommended that you attend and participate in these sessions. In case you are unable to participate at the scheduled time, the Webinars are recorded and you can watch at any time after it is completed. However, it is strongly recommended that you work through the recorded session as soon as possible after the regularly scheduled session. The student is responsible for all material covered and all information disseminated in the Webinar.

Email Use

The best way to communicate with me outside of class is by email. You should expect a response to your emails within 24 hours during regular business hours on weekdays. You have to send emails from your myLeo accounts.

Quizzes

There will be 3 scheduled quizzes during the semester. The lowest grade on quizzes will be dropped. In view of this, there will be no makeup quizzes or any other provision to make up for a missed quiz.

Exams

There will be three exams, including two midterm exams and a final exam.

There will be no makeup exams. If you have to miss an exam because of a legitimate and verifiable reason, you must contact me before the exam. Failing to do so or failing to provide documentation of the reason for absence from a medical doctor or TAMU-Commerce official will result in a grade of zero on the exam. Make up exams will not be given online.

Homework

End of chapter questions & problems and other questions & problems will be assigned as homework. You do not have to submit the solutions. These assignments should be completed for enhanced learning. Some (but not all) of the problems on the exams will be similar to the problems in these homework assignments.

Solutions to homework problems will be available in DocSharing.

Grading

All quizzes will have the same weight. No assignment for extra credit will be given to any individual student. For grading purposes, the following weights will be assigned:

- Quizzes: 16%
- Mid-term examination I: 28%
- Mid-term examination II: 28%
- Final examination: 28%
and letter grades apply as follows:

90 – 100    A  
80 - 89.99   B  
70 - 79.99   C  
60 - 69.99   D  
0 - 59.99    F

Below are guidelines that help to explain how student work is evaluated:

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VII. Progression of Course

This agenda is subject to change. The exact timing of lectures and content of exams will depend on the flow of the course. I expect all students to have read all assigned material before class.

Week 1, August 29
  Chapter 1 – The Role and Objective of Financial Management

Week 2, September 5
  Chapter 2 – The Domestic and International Financial Marketplace

Week 3, September 12
  Chapter 3 – Evaluation of Financial Performance

Week 4, September 19
  Chapter 4 – Financial Planning and Forecasting
  Quiz 1: Ch 1, 2, 3 (September 21, 12:00 p.m. to September 23, 12:00 p.m., CDT)

Week 5, September 26
  Review and Chapter 5 – The Time Value of Money
  Exam 1: Ch 1, 2, 3, 4 (September 28, 12:00 p.m. to September 30, 12:00 p.m., CDT)
Week 6, October 3
Chapter 5 – The Time Value of Money

Week 7, October 10
Chapter 6 – Fixed-Income Securities: Characteristics and Valuation

Week 8, October 17
Chapter 7 – Common Stock: Characteristics, Valuation, and Issuance
Quiz 2: Ch 5, 6 (October 19, 12:00 p.m. to October 21, 12:00 p.m., CDT)

Week 9, October 24
Chapter 8 – Analysis of Risk and Return
Exam 2: Ch 5, 6, 7, 8 (October 27, 8:00 a.m. to October 28, 11:59 p.m., CDT)

Week 10, October 31
Chapter 9 – Capital Budgeting and Cash Flow Analysis

Week 11, November 7
Chapter 10 – Capital Budgeting: Decision Criteria and Real Option Considerations

Week 12, November 14
Chapter 11 – Capital Budgeting and Risk
Quiz 3: Ch 9, 10 (November 16, 12:00 p.m. to November 18, 12:00 p.m., CST)

Week 13, November 21
Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 14, November 28
Chapter 12 – The Cost of Capital, Chapter 13 – Capital Structure Concepts

Week 15, December 5
Chapter 13 – Capital Structure Concepts, Review

Week 16
Final Examination: Ch 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (December 12, 8:00 a.m. – December 13, 11:59 p.m., CST)

VIII. Other Information

You shall start studying early in the course, well before the test/exam, to give yourself a head start in learning the material. When you don’t understand course material, ask questions either in class, during office hours or by email. You will not get good grades if you wait until a week or couple of days before the test/exam to start studying.
Syllabus Addendum

Academic Integrity/Ethics:

Integrity will be stressed throughout the course. Refer to Student’s Guide Book located at for the University policy on academic honesty:
www.tamu-commerce.edu/studentlife/guidebook.htm

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conductive to a positive learning environment.

You are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty while pursuing your academic goal(s). The university’s statement on academic honesty is found in the Texas A&M University-Commerce Procedures, A13.12, Academic Honesty. Academic dishonesty is defined in the following manner:

"Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one’s own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material."

Your grade is to reflect your work alone, and likewise, your classmates’ grades are to reflect their work alone, and not yours. Students found to have committed academic dishonesty will automatically receive a failing grade for the course and will be referred to Dean of the College of Business and Technology for possible expulsion from the program. All students enrolled in this course are required to sign and submit an Academic Honesty Policy form during the first week of the course.

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu

Drop Policy:

See University drop policy.