

Finance 312
Money, Banking, and Financial Markets
Fall 2013 Syllabus

Instructor: Meredith Rhodes

Class Time: Wednesdays 12pm – 3pm

Place: Class Live Pro

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9am-12pm, Thursdays 9am-11am or by appointment

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Required Text/ Material:

- Financial Markets and Institutions. 7th edition., Fredric Mishkin and Stanley Eakins., Pearson Addison Wesley. 2012 (ISBN-13: 9780132136839)

- Financial Calculator: Texas Instruments BA II or comparable. I will be using and teaching from the BA II.

Recommended (not required):

Study Guide for Financial Markets & Institutions. 7th (William Gerken)

ISBN-10: 0.32136929

ISBN-13: 9780132136921

Course Description:

This course covers the nature and evaluation of money and its role in determining the overall level of economic activity. It also examines the role of banking, central banking, and monetary policy as they apply to financial instruments and institutions in the context of global financial markets.

Course Objectives:

- Provide the student with an analytical framework that will enable one to understand, interact with, and operate in financial markets and institutions
- Introduce the student to real-world issues and problems of participants in financial markets.
- Familiarize the student with the role of the central bank in terms of the formulation and implementation of monetary policy.

Keep in mind that Finance 312 is an upper-level finance course, and the performance requirements will be commensurate with the same. Chapters and other reading materials will be assigned and you are expected to read them when or before they are assigned. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and interact during the class, but this will require you to be current with your reading and studies.

Tentative Schedule of Assignments and Exams:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1. 8/26/13 – 9/01/13	Text: Chapters 1-2
2. 9/02/13 – 9/08/13	Text: Chapter 3-4
3. 9/09/13 – 9/15/13*	Text: Chapter 5-6
4. 9/16/13 – 9/22/13*	Exam I (9/18-9/22)
5. 9/23/13 – 9/29/13	Text: Chapters 7-8
6. 09/30/13 – 10/06/13	Text: Chapter 9
7. 10/07/13 – 10/13/13	Text: Chapter 10
8. 10/14/13 – 10/20/13	Exam II (10/17-10/20)
9. 10/21/13 – 10/27/13	Text: Chapter 11-12
10. 10/28/13 – 11/03/13*	Text: Chapter 13
11. 11/04/13 – 11/10/13*	Text: Chapter 15
12. 11/11/13 – 11/17/13*	Exam III (11/14-11/17)
13. 11/18/13 – 11/24/13	Text: Chapter 14
14. 11/25/13 – 12/01/13	Text: Chapter 20
15. 12/02/13 – 12/08/13	Text Chapter 17
16. 12/09/13 – 12/14/13	Final

* Denotes weeks when assignments are due

Assignment due dates (by 11:59pm CST)

#1 on 9/9/13

#2 on 9/16/13

#3 on 10/28/13

#4 on 11/4/13

#5 on 11/11/13

Grading summary:

Assignments (total of 5) – 10%

Exam I – 20%

Exam II – 20%

Exam III – 25%

Final – 25%

The course will be divided into 4 units; each unit has an exam.

Grading scale:

89.5-100	A
79.5-89.4	B
69.5-79.4	C
59.5-69.4	D
Below 59.4	F

All exams are in multiple-choice format and will be submitted through the eCollege online course. You access the exams online and answer the questions. Remember you must hit “submit” for your selections to be saved. If you don’t hit “submit,” no answers will be evaluated

Exams:

You will be responsible for information from class discussion and required readings/assignments. *No makeup exams will be given unless for a university excused absence.* For an excused absence, the makeup exam will be administered prior to the scheduled exam. If you need to miss an exam for an excused absence, please let me know in advance so we can make arrangements.

Assignments/ Homework:

There will be 5 assignments given during the semester. These assignments will include text questions and/or supplemental activities. There will be no makeup for these.

Attendance/ Participation:

Attendance and participation are encouraged but not required. Keep in mind that anything discussed in class may be included on an exam or assignment.

Academic Integrity/ Plagiarism:

All academic work must meet the standards contained in A Culture of Honesty: Policies and Procedures on Academic Honest. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards and for observing the University Honor Code. Plagiarism occurs when a student submits work that is not his/her own. This includes copying from printed materials, websites, or from other people. All students are expected to turn in work that has been completed individually, unless otherwise informed by the instructor. Any assignment containing plagiarized material will automatically be graded as zero. The instructor will use the available technology at hand to determine if you have or appeared to have cheated. You are required to access all data and lectures available to you during the semester.

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

I attempt to respond to emails and discussion postings within 24 hours during the weekdays, and within 24-48 hours on the weekends. You may contact me via email at meredith.rhodes@tamuc.edu.

Access and Navigation:

This course will be facilitated using eCollege, the Learning Management System used by Texas A&M University-Commerce. To get started with the course, go to:

<https://leo.tamuc.edu/login.aspx>.

In the event the myLEO portal is ever inaccessible and you need to login to eCollege, you should also bookmark the direct URL for eCollege: <http://online.tamuc.org/>

You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

To participate in the online course environment, login to eCollege and follow the instructions provided for each week of the course. Instructions, project guidelines, and relevant resources will be provided as needed throughout the course. The Virtual Classroom should be monitored and contributed to regularly (3 days per week minimum). Special announcements or instructions may also be placed in the announcements area or sent directly to your leo email, which should be monitored regularly throughout your enrollment at TAMU-C.

Technology Requirements:

General Technology Requirements

This is an online course; thus, access to a modern computer with a reliable, high-speed, Internet connection is required. You must also have sufficient administrative authority on your computer to download, install, and run the necessary software applications.

Your courses will work with a PC with recent OS versions or Macintosh OS X. Supported browsers include recent releases of Firefox, Aurora, Internet Explorer, Safari, or Chrome. It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser Test” prior to the start of any on-line course. To launch a browser test, login in to eCollege, click on the ”myCourses” tab, and then select the “Browser Test” link under Support Services.

Course-specific Software

Students will make use of the following software applications to complete course assignments: MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, & PowerPoint)

Student Support:

Texas A&M University – Commerce provides students technical support in the use of eCollege. The student help desk may be reached by the following means 24/7.

- Chat Support: Click on “Live Support” on the tool bar within your course to chat with an eCollege Representative
- Phone: 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- Email: helpdesk@onlin.tamuc.org to initiate a support request with eCollege Technical Support Representative
- Help: Click on the “help” button on the toolbar for information regarding working with eCollege (e.g. How to access the exam, how to post discussions...)

Course and University Policies:**Student consideration:**

- Students are required to use leo.tamuc.edu email address for email communication.
- Please email me at meredith.rhodes@tamuc.edu, if you have questions, comments, or concerns.
- Cheating on exams or plagiarizing assignments will absolutely not be tolerated. You must read the TAMU-Commerce Academic Honesty Policy posted in the first week. Continuing in the class is an implicit agreement to abide by the terms of the Honesty Policy. If you are caught cheating in the class, you and anyone else involved will receive an F as a grade for this course. Depending on the severity of the offense, you may be expelled from the University for Academic Dishonesty.
- The deadline for dropping a course is listed under the academic schedule.
- Refer to the Student's Guide Book located at :
www.tamu-commerce.edu/studentlife/guidebook.htm

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 132
Phone 903-886-5150 or 903-886-5835
Fax 903-4688148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu