

**FIN 589
ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGIES
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Course Description: Learning the asset allocation process and implementing strategies using Bloomberg and Excel.

Required Textbook: Asset Allocation: Balancing Financial Risk, 5th edition, Roger Gibson, McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 978-0-071-80418-9

Plan of Study: The student will go over the textbook, prepare PowerPoint presentations for each chapter, learn how to use Bloomberg Professional and perform portfolio optimization exercises in Excel. There will be a written report at the end.

CLASS ETHICS

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:

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preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material."

Moreover, while taking any exam in this course, your **ONLY** outside source of information should be the textbook, your own personal notes, and a financial calculator or a spreadsheet program such as Microsoft Excel, by which to solve financial calculations. You are not allowed to consult with any other reference material or person while taking an exam.

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