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REQUIRED TEXTS/MATERIALS:


2. Financial Calculator: I strongly recommend the Texas Instruments BA II plus Professional calculator and my explanations will be based on this calculator in the class. You can see what this calculator looks like and how to use it at this website. http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/ti_ba2/


3. Access to a Computer with the latest version of Microsoft Excel.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus predominately on an intermediate comprehension of corporate finance and business management. We will start with a review of accounting and basics of time value of money. Next, we analyze financial statements in order to identify a firm’s strengths and weaknesses. We then move to financial leverage and financial forecasting concepts, as well as theories for managing current assets and current liabilities. The second half of the course will be devoted to advanced time value of money concepts and methods companies use to choose acceptable investment projects.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED:

Upon completion of this course, students should be familiar with the following:

Major Forms of Business Organizations
Shareholder Wealth Maximization
Calculation of Present Values
Calculation of future Values
Basic Accounting Statements
Ratio Analysis
Capital Allocation process
Bonds and Their Valuation
Stocks and Their Valuation
Risk and Return
Cost of Preferred Stock
Cost of Capital
Capital Budgeting Analysis

Attendance, Exams and Grading:

Attendance is Compulsory as this is a graduate level class. The grading is based on the following scale:

Exam 1 100 points
Exam 2 100 points
Final (Compulsory) 100 points
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Total (counting the highest of the two mid-terms and the final) 200 points

I will drop the lower of the two scores on the first two exams in determining the final grade. If you miss a mid-term exam that will be your dropped grade. My exams will be based on material covered in class. For each student the total points will be added up and converted to a percentage at the end of the semester to decide the final grade. The following scale will be applied to decide the final grade for students: 90% and above: A grade, 80%-89.99%: B grade, 70%-79.99%: C grade, 60%-69.99%: D grade and below 60% F grade. I will try to adhere to the above grading scale but I reserve the right to deviate from it. My exams are normally of multiple choices and you can use a calculator on them. However, the exams are designed for speed and accuracy. No student will be given an opportunity to make up for an inadequate performance on an exam and make-up exams will be given for only medical reasons.

Tentative Course Schedule
We will cover the chapters in the order that they are given in this schedule below:
Chapters: 1, 5, 3, 4, 2, 7, 9, 8, 10, 11. Mid-term Exam 1 will be over chapter 1, 5 and 3, Mid-term 2 will be over chapter 4, 2, 7 and 9 and the final will be over chapters 7-11 (includes chapters 7 and 9 which were part of the second mid-term also).
*Some of the chapters mentioned above may include material that is not part of the textbook. Only a part of the material will be used in some of the chapters. We may do some chapters only in part. I reserve the right to change anything in the syllabus if I feel it is necessary.
NOTE: THE COURSE SYLLABUS IS A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE COURSE. DEVIATIONS ANNOUNCED TO THE CLASS BY THE INSTRUCTOR MAY BE NECESSARY

Jan 21: Introduction and Classroom Etiquette
Jan 26, 28 and February 2: Chapter 1

February 4: Special Assignment worth 4 points on the first Exam
Feb 9 and 11: Chapter 5
Feb 16 and 18: Chapter 5
Feb 23 and 25: Chapter 3

March 2: Mid-Term Exam 1
March 4 and 9: Chapter 4
March 11: Chapter 2

March 16-20: Spring Break. No classes
March 23: Chapter 2 continued
March 25 and 30: Chapter 7
April 1, 6 and 8: Chapter 9
April 13: Mid-Term Exam 2
April 15 and 20: Chapter 8
April 22 and 27: Chapter 10
April 29, May 4 and 6: Chapter 11
May 11th: Final Exam between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (The final is for two hours). The final exam will be given as per the University schedule. (please see http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/academicCalendars/final-exam-schedule.aspx).

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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

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(The next page is also part of the syllabus and in landscape format. It is about Course Embedded Assessment).
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Based on the following learning objectives: .01- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods; .02 - Understand and apply valuation techniques of securities, projects and corporations.; .03 - Demonstrate an understanding and show ability to measure financial decisions in a risk/return environment.