

Introduction to Business Finance
FIN 304 03W
Spring 2019 (Meets 1/14/2019 through 5/10/2019)
Syllabus

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Classroom: Online Class

Meeting Time: **We will have D2L Webinar sessions on Friday Mornings (at 9.30 am CST).** In this class, students will attend/listen to online lectures. For the list of days and the chapters that will be covered in every lecture session on D2L Webinar, please see the schedule under syllabus below. I expect you to attend the sessions or if that is not possible listen to the recorded sessions and Email me/call me if you have any questions. **I fully understand if you are unable to attend any lecture live and can only listen to the recording because of work or time conflict with other commitments. There is no need to inform me if you are unable to attend a D2L Webinar session as long as you listen to the recording within a day or two.** The D2L Webinar is your opportunity to have a live and interactive session with me and to check and extend what you are learning. I will also work through real world applications of the theory. Access to the Webinar is through the new LMS D2L. A D2L (our new LMS) section has been created for all the Webinars, and you have been enrolled in it. The link will be active starting the first day of the semester and can be accessed at: **myleonline.tamuc.edu/d2l/home**

Office: BA 102G (Texas A&M Commerce)

Office Phone: 903-886-5681 (Secretary). I have no direct line. The best way to reach me is by Email.

Office Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am and by appointment.

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Course Description: Basic concepts of business finance with emphasis on global and ethical issues, total quality management, production of goods and services, and various laws and regulations that affect the financial environment in which the firm operates. Basic elements of business finance, the financial environment, financial institutions, security markets, interest rates, taxes, risk analysis, time value of money and valuation. Maximizing value of the firm using financial analysis and planning, working capital management, cost of capital and capital budgeting.

Prerequisites: Acct 222; ECO 2301, 2302, MATH 1325.

REQUIRED TEXT AND OTHER MATERIALS: (A VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE THESE MATERIALS READY ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS).

1. *Fundamentals of Financial Management*, Concise, 9th Edition; Brigham and Houston, Cengage Learning, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-305-63593-7

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.

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

Attendance, Course Requirements, Assignments and Grading

Students taking the course are expected attend all Webinar sessions. The course will cover the textbook and material presented in class. I prefer students not to miss any Webinar lectures except for emergency situations. **However as mentioned earlier, there is no need to inform me if you are unable to attend as long as you listen to the recording within a day or two after the lecture.** The grading is based on the following scale:

(Mid-Term) Exam 1 posted online in class website	100 points
(Mid-Term) Exam 2 posted in Online in class website	100 points
Case Based Take Home Quiz (Compulsory)	20 points
Final Exam in last week of class (Compulsory in last week in Class website)	100 points

Total (counting the highest of the two mid-terms, quiz and the final)	220 points

What you can use on exams: Textbook, scrap paper and calculator and any other notes you made.

What you cannot use on exams: help of another person.

All exams and the quiz are to be taken on Online in the course website on D2L. I will drop the lower of the two scores on the first two Mid-Term exams in determining the final grade. If you miss a mid-term exam, that will be your dropped grade. You cannot miss the final or the Quiz. 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. Since this is an online class, you can use a textbook and other material on the exams. The exams are not proctored. 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. Make up exams are likely to be essay type and definitely will not be given online.

Tentative Course Schedule

Please see Schedule below. I reserve the right to deviate from this schedule.

*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. I may substitute some live lectures with pre-recorded ones emailed to you.

Tentative Schedule of D2L Webinar Sessions for Fridays at 9.30 am (I reserve the right to deviate from this schedule).

January 18th: Introduction and Chapter 1

January 25rd: Chapter 5

February 1: Chapter 5

February 8th: Chapter 2

February 15th: Chapter 6 and discussion with general economic factors*

February 22-24 Exam 1 over chapters 1, 5, 6 and 2. No lecture this week.

March 1st : Chapter 3

March 8th : Chapter 4

March 15th: Chapter 7

March 22nd: Spring Break. No class this week.

March 29-31st: Exam 2 over chapters 3, 4 and 7. No class this week.

April 5rd: Chapter 9

April 12th: Chapter 8

April 19th: Chapter 10

April 26th: Chapter 11

May 3rd: Review if necessary

May 5-7th: Final Exam over chapters 8-11.

Please note that all Exams/quizzes are posted in the Course D2L Website. While one of the mid-terms is optional, the final and the quiz are compulsory.

A Good Way to Succeed:

This is an online class and requires the student to be more self-directed. Please make sure you have a working microphone. Please read the assigned chapters for the week before you attend the class for best results. You are responsible for all the material in the chapters assigned whether I discuss that material in the Webinar or NOT. If you think this class will take less time and be easier than a face to face, you are mistaken indeed. The fact that you may be working a full-time job while taking this class will put additional pressure on you. You should be aware that I still expect you to meet the timelines in this class. Your employer would not accept other time commitments as a reason for missing a deadline. NOR WILL I. You will need to study every week. No kidding. There is just too much material to cover to do otherwise. We will also be assigning self-worked and taught problems for some material. This material will not be covered at length in your Webinars. In order to connect, you must have a cable, DSL, or high-speed modem connection. Speeds of 5 megs or more work best. Also since we are using a Voice Over IP system, you will need a headset with earphones.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)
<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

Academic Misconduct: Cheating will not be tolerated in this class. Please remember that this is a graduate level class and you are graded against each other. By giving someone answers to exam questions helps neither you nor them. If I catch someone cheating, I will deal with that in accordance to the policies of the Texas A&M University-Commerce. **While you can use calculator and textbook on the exam, you should not take the help of any other person. You cannot use any other material other than the two above. I will give an “F” grade to any student who cheats or encourages cheating and will do my best to get them expelled from the University.**

An Important Note:

Tenets of Common Behavior statement: All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook);

Course Objectives and learning outcomes assessment:

Learning Statement for FIN 304				
	Unsatisfactory	Emerging	Proficient	Exemplary
Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student cannot demonstrate an understanding any of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate some understanding of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of most of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of all of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.
Understand and apply valuation techniques of securities, projects and corporations.	Student cannot demonstrate an understanding any of the Fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate Some understanding of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of most of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of all of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.
Demonstrate an understanding and show ability to measure financial decisions in a risk/return environment.	Student cannot demonstrate an understanding any of the Fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate some understanding of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of most of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.	Student can demonstrate understanding of all of the fundamental concepts of corporate finance and its principles and methods.

***FIN 304 is a core course for BBA.*

Students with Disabilities:

Students with Disabilities information: 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,

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(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 phone (903) 468-8148 fax
Email: Rebecca.Tuerk@tamuc.edu

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Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.