Financial Management
FINN 3120-001
Fall 2021

Time: 08.00-08.50 am (MWF)
Location: Friday 142
Instructor: Gunratan G. Lonare
Email: glonare@uncc.edu
Office Hours: No specific time. Just let me know your convenient timing for Webex or Zoom meeting.

Required Materials

- **Textbook**
  - This course uses McGraw Hill’s *Connect* platform. It’s an interactive learning program.
  - *Connect* includes an online textbook and online homework assignments. The online textbook is *Essentials of Corporate Finance, 10th Edition, by Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan*.
  - This course is part of the First Day program, so you **Do Not need to purchase the digital textbook as it is included in your course registration**, along with online access to *CONNECT* platform. You will be able to access your materials through Canvas on the first day of class. **Go to “McGraw Hill Connect Di” tab in you Canvas to sign up for CONNECT.** Only use your UNCC email ID for sign up.
  - If you drop this course on or prior to the last day of DROP/ADD period, your account will be fully refunded automatically for the cost of *CONNECT*.
  - If you would like an optional binder-ready, loose-leaf version of the textbook, there are 2 options:
    - To Purchase OPTIONAL Printed Loose-Leaf Textbook from UNCC Bookstore.
      - Input course info on the UNCC bookstore website
      - Purchase the loose-leaf, which is <$50. This is the option that is circled below.
    - To Purchase Printed Textbook by Buying Directly from the Publisher
      - In Canvas, click on the link on the left-hand side of the page entitled “McGraw Hill” that’s shown approximately half-way down the page in the left hand margin.
      - The link will take you to the textbook publisher’s website, where you can complete the Connect registration in a few short steps.

- **Financial Calculator**
  Students are required to get familiar with a basic financial calculator to complete this course in a satisfactory manner. Some preferred financial calculators are:
  - Texas Instruments Model BA II Plus
  - Texas Instruments Model BA II Plus Professional
You are welcome to use other brands, but I will be using *Texas Instruments Model BA II Plus* for the demonstration of necessary financial computations in the class. A financial calculator will have the following keys either on the keypad or in one of its menus: {N, I (or I/Y), PV, FV, PMT}.

**Course materials**

Presentation slides and other course materials will be available for download from your personal UNCC Canvas account, accessible at http://canvas.uncc.edu/ for all registered students. Course material will be posted periodically on the course page (UNCC Canvas) as we progress through the course. All the grades on homework and exams will be available on your Canvas account. Students are required to check their UNCC email ID and Canvas for important notifications.

**Exam and homework policies**

Students are required to regularly check their UNCC Canvas for announcements on Exam dates and homework due dates. The excuse of not checking Canvas announcements for missing due dates will not be considered. A student failing to take any Exam without a valid proof (based on UNCC policies) will be given a zero score for the exam. Additionally, missing homework deadline will be assigned a zero score for the homework assignment.

**Academic Prerequisites**

To enroll in the course, students must have achieved all of the following:

- Declared a major in the College of Business
- At least a Junior standing (e.g., 60 or more earned semester hours)
- Completed the following prerequisite courses:
  - MATH 1120: College Calculus
  - STAT 1220: Statistics I
  - ACCT 2121: Financial Accounting
  - ACCT 2122: Managerial Accounting
  - ECON 2101: Macroeconomics
  - ECON 2102: Microeconomics
  - INFO 2130: Introduction to Business Computing (or successful completion of the Microcomputer Proficiency Test)

*Note*: I DO NOT have the authority to add students to the course or override any prerequisites to register. Please contact the Undergraduate Advising Office if you have any questions about this.
Course Description

Financial management represents the process of planning for, acquiring, and allocating funds by a business enterprise. This process involves several decision-making tools, including the time value of money, financial statement analysis and financial forecasting, working capital management, pricing various types of risk facing the firm, asset and project valuation, and international currency considerations. This semester we will investigate how each of these decision-making tools is used to help financial managers accomplish the task of planning for, acquiring, and allocating funds within the business. Computer and financial calculator applications will be included where appropriate.

Course Objective

The objective of FINN 3120, Financial Management, is to provide students with an introduction to the nature and methods of financial analysis within the context of the business enterprise. To accomplish this objective, we will focus our attention on:

- Developing an awareness of some major financial problems facing modern, for-profit business organizations as well as individual consumers;
- Obtaining an understanding of the basic principles and concepts necessary to analyze these financial problems; and
- Developing the ability to apply these principles and concepts so that students can independently evaluate alternative solutions to basic problems confronting the financial manager.

Instructional Methods

This course will be conducted in-person* with classroom lecture. Homework will be assigned every week. Class participation and discussion are highly recommended.

Attendance

- **Attendance carries a 5% weightage** towards the final grade.
- To return to class after being absent due to a period of self-quarantine, students should submit a copy of their Niner Health Check clearance email to me.
- To return to class after being absent due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, students should submit an online request form to Student Assistance and Support Services (“SASS”). Supporting documentation can be attached directly to the request form and should be from a student’s health care provider or the Student Health Center, clearly indicating the dates of absences and the date the student is able to return to class. Instructors will be notified of such absences.
- If you are absent from class as a result of a COVID-19 diagnosis or quarantine, you are still responsible for completing all assignments. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.
COVID-19 Protection

- It is the current policy of UNC Charlotte that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the 49er community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings in all indoor spaces on campus, including classrooms and labs, regardless of vaccination status.
- Failure to comply with this policy in the classroom or lab may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity for charges under the Code of Student Responsibility.

Grading Policy

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Comments on Examinations and Homework:

- There are three exams, including the Final Exam.
- The exams are not cumulative.
- Exams will cover homework and lecture notes consistent with the tentative class schedule. The format of the exams will be multiple-choice and will include conceptual (e.g., non-mathematic) problems as well as problem-solving and numeric manipulation. Always use a financial calculator. Using a mobile or smartwatch as an alternative to a financial calculator is prohibited in the exams. I would prefer the use of the Texas Instruments BA II PLUS; this calculator is also supported by the book. Students can use other versions/brands, but I will not provide directions on how to use those. The BA II Plus has been approved for use on the following professional exams: Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Financial Risk Manager (FRM), and the Certified Management Accountants exam.
- Homework will be assigned on each chapter on an integrated platform of CONNECT and Canvas. Homework will have due dates, 30% points will be deducted for late homework. No late homework will be accepted after the solutions are posted.
- The CONNECT online resource has been proven to help students with step-by-step homework assignments guidelines.
- Students who are unable to attend a scheduled examination must present the instructor with documentation of a valid medical, family, or personal emergency.
before the examination (class) to obtain permission. A make-up exam will be
scheduled. Students who fail to make up a missed exam or fail to attend the scheduled
final exam will receive a score of zero for all missed work.

Course Schedule, tentative and subject to changes

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<td>Aug 23, 25</td>
<td>1: Introduction to Financial Management</td>
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<td>Aug 30</td>
<td>Last day to add, drop a course with no grade* @ 11:59 pm</td>
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<td>Aug 27, 30, Sep 1</td>
<td>15: Raising Capital</td>
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<td>Sep 3, 8, 10, 13</td>
<td>2: Financial Statements, Taxes, and Cash Flow</td>
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<td>3: Working with Financial Statements</td>
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<td>4: Introduction to Valuation: The Time Value of Money</td>
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<td>Oct 4, 6, 8, 13</td>
<td>5: Discounted Cash Flow Valuation</td>
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<td>7: Equity Markets and Stock Valuation</td>
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<td>Oct 29 Nov 1, 3</td>
<td>6: Interest Rates and Bond Valuation</td>
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<td>Nov 5, 8, 10, 12</td>
<td>11: Risk and Return</td>
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<td>Nov 15, 17, 19, 22</td>
<td>12: Cost of Capital</td>
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<td>Nov 29, Dec 1, 3</td>
<td>8: Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria</td>
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<td>Dec 6, 8 (Self study)</td>
<td>Recession</td>
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<td><strong>Dec 13 (Monday)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Final Exam (8.00 AM)</strong></td>
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Important University and/or College Policies

*See legal.uncc.edu for more information

- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY.** All UNCC students have the responsibility to be familiar
  with and to observe the requirements of The UNCC Code of Student Academic
  Integrity (see the Catalog). This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification
  of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic
  materials (such as library books on reserve), and complicity in academic dishonesty
  (helping others to violate the code). Any further specific requirements or permission
  regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are
  also binding on the students in this course. Students who violate the code can be
  punished to the extent of being permanently expelled from UNCC and having this
  fact recorded on their official transcripts. The normal penalty is zero credit on the
  work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In
  almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to F. If you do not have a copy of the
  code, you can obtain one from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic
  integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of
  academic dishonesty they become aware of to the course instructor who is responsible
for dealing with them.

- **ATTENDANCE.** Students are expected to attend all scheduled sessions punctually in the courses for which they are registered and are responsible for completing the work from all of the class meetings. Absences from class may be excused by the instructor for such reasons as personal illness, religious holidays, participating as an authorized University representative in an out-of-town event, or unavoidable professional responsibilities that require missing a class. Whenever possible, students are expected to seek the permission of the instructor prior to absences.

- **DISENROLLMENT.** At the discretion of the department offering a course, a student may be disenrolled from a course section if he or she does not attend the first scheduled meeting of the section. The department chair has the responsibility for providing timely notification to the student who is disenrolled.

- **COURSE WITHDRAWAL.** Under the UNCC Course Withdrawal Policy, students may withdraw from a course until the withdrawal deadline, and the mark of W will be assigned. No withdrawals will be permitted after the course withdrawal deadline. It is the student’s responsibility to determine by the withdrawal deadline whether to withdraw from the course or stay in for a grade.

- **DIVERSITY.** The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate the diversity that includes, but is not limited to, ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

- **UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education.** If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.