FINN 3120 Financial Management

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Financial management represents the process of planning for, acquiring, and allocating funds by a business enterprise. This semester we will investigate several of the decision-making tools like financial statement analysis and financial forecasting, asset and project valuation, and determination of the firm’s optimal capital structure that help financial managers accomplish the task of planning for, acquiring, and allocating funds within the business. The general market environment will be introduced and the focus will be on developing an awareness of some major financial problems facing modern business organizations as well as individual consumers. By the end of the semester, the student should be in a position independently evaluate alternative solutions to basic problems confronting the financial manager, develop an ability to think, articulate, and valuate problem-solving processes.

PREREQUISITES

Only College of Business students with at least Junior standing are permitted to enroll in this class. In addition, students must have completed MATH 1120; STAT 1220; INFO 2130 (or the College Microcomputer Proficiency Test), ACCT 2121; ACCT 2122; ECON 1201; and ECON 1202
with a “C” or better in each course. **Students who have not met these prerequisites will be dropped from the course.**

**TEXTBOOK**

1. **Handouts:** Download handouts from Moodle before classes.


MyFinanceLab Student Access Code **IS REQUIRED.**

**MYFINANCELAB AND MOODLE**

MyFinanceLab is required for this course. Student ID (1-800-xxx-xxx) must be entered into MyFinanceLab when student registers with MyFinanceLab. Student must register for this course in MyFinanceLab within 2 weeks after the semester starts. If you purchased your textbook new through the bookstore, you purchased the text and student access code to MyFinanceLab. If you purchased the textbook separately, you will need to purchase an access code. Directions for setting up your MyFinanceLab account can be found at the end of the syllabus.

In this class we use **Moodle.** It is available through your 49erExprss account or login directly on: http://moodle.uncc.edu. It will contain Power Point slides used for lectures as well as in-class problems, and other materials. Note that the lecture slides are an outline of material covered in class and will not contain example problems done in class. Any announcements for the course will be posted on Moodle, and students are responsible for checking on at least a weekly basis. Students are also responsible for checking their UNC Charlotte student email for other important communication.

**CALCULATOR**

Much of the course involves quantitative analysis. Consequently, it is necessary for each student to have and be able to use a financial calculator capable of performing time value of money, net present value, and internal rate of return calculations. During exams, sharing calculators and using calculator manuals is strictly prohibited.

**OTHER MATERIALS**

It is strongly recommended that you read The Wall Street Journal, which helps you understand how the concepts covered in class are applied in “real world” business settings.
COURSE GRADING

2 Midterm Exams 20% each
Assignments 15%
Final Exam (Chapters 6-11 and Chapter 17) 35%
Attendance and Participation 10%

GRADING SCALE

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Homework will be assigned for every chapter. Homework assignments are done through the MyFinanceLab program. Late submission of homework will get penalty of 10% cut PER DAY on the grades. Students are encouraged to work in groups to complete and understand homework assignments but need to finish their work independently. Difficult problems will be analyzed at the beginning of class. All assignment grades will be averaged to count for 15% of the final grade.

EXAM REVIEW

A review will be given prior to each exam. The exam reviews are an important guidance for test.

TEST/EXAM POLICY & REQUIREMENTS

- The midterm and final exams will be given in multiple-choice. Answers will be recorded on OpScan answer sheets provided by the instructor. A financial calculator and a #2 pencil with a good eraser should be brought to class on test days to record answers on the sheet. Questions are based on the lectures, problem sets, and extra practice questions.

- Students are allowed to bring to the exam ONE 8 ½"-by-11" letter size formula sheet containing notes and formulas. (Please keep a copy if you need it in the final exam). Therefore, when preparing for the exam, there is no need to memorize the
formulas, and students should focus on the concepts and methods used to analyze problems, and you should understand how to apply the formulas.

- The final exam consists of chapters (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 17).
- The dates for the midterm exam are strictly firm, and the final exam will be given according to the University’s final exam schedule.
- Should you miss an exam for a legitimate reason (e.g. medical issue or family emergency), you should inform me before the exam. A physician's letter or other official documents stating the basis of your absence from the exam is required.
- No makeup exams will be given barring extreme circumstances. You must provide documentation of the reason for absence by a medical doctor or appropriate UNC-Charlotte official. No make-up provision is available for tests missed due to oversleeping, lack of preparation, vacation, social events (including weddings), traffic, trips, etc.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Attendance and participation will account for 10% of the final grade. You are expected to attend class on time. A sign-in sheet will be passed around in each class to mark attendance.

I will give **surprise in-class quizzes**, the grades for which will add towards your **participation grade**.

Active student participation is an important component of the learning process and is expected and encouraged. I strongly encourage each one of you to attend class on a regular basis and actively participate in classroom discussions and activities.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOL

- The use of cell phones, beepers, or other communication devices is disruptive, and is therefore prohibited during class. Except in emergencies, those using such devices must leave the classroom to attend it.

- Students are permitted to use computers during class for note-taking and other class-related work only. Computers **will not** be allowed during exams.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Regular attendance, promptness and appropriate classroom decorum is expected. Frequent tardiness or disruptive classroom behavior may result in a substantial grade penalty at the
discretion of the instructor. Any use of cell phones during class is disruptive and will not be tolerated. Students may not use cell phones during an exam.

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated by The Belk College of Business Administration or the instructor. Students are expected to be familiar with the university’s academic integrity policy.

This policy can be found online at [http://www.legal.uncc.edu/policies/ps-105.html](http://www.legal.uncc.edu/policies/ps-105.html). Violations will be dealt with in the manner specified by the most recent edition of the UNC-Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity.

**Disability Services:** Students in this course seeking accommodations to disabilities must first consult with the Office of Disability Services (phone 704-687-4355, 230 Fretwell Building) and follow the instructions of that office for obtaining accommodations.

**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 diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.*
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11/26/12  Ch.11- Cash flows and other topics in capital budgeting

11/28/12  Ch.17- International Business Finance

12/03/12  Ch.17- International Business Finance

12/05/12  Review for final (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17)

12/07/12  Final Exam (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 17)

MyFinanceLab™

How to Register and Enroll in Your MyFinanceLab.com Course

Welcome to MyFinanceLab! Your instructor has set up a MyFinanceLab.com course for you.

Textbook: Keown/Martin/Petty: Foundations of Finance, 7/e
Course Name: FINN 3120 Section 002
Course ID: XL0Y-Z1BZ-601Y-7WS2

To join your instructor's course, please complete the following two steps:

1. Register for MyFinanceLab
2. Enroll in your instructor's course

To register, you will need:

1. A valid e-mail address.
2. The access code that came with your MyFinanceLab Kit or a credit card or PayPal account if you wish to purchase access online.
3. The Course ID listed above.

Please Note: If you have an Access Kit that came with your book or that you purchased separately, the instructions may be different than what you are reading here. Please disregard those instructions and follow the steps below. The code in your kit is still valid for the version of MyFinanceLab that your instructor is using.
U.S. Customers

Step 1: Register for MyFinanceLab

1. Go to www.myfinancelab.com/legacy/login and click the Student button, in the Register section.
2. Enter your Course ID: XLOY-Z1BZ-601Y-7WS2
3. Choose to register an access code or to buy access.
4. Follow the instructions to set up your login and password for your course.

Step 2: Enroll in your instructor's course

1. Login to MyFinanceLab at www.myfinancelab.com/legacy/login with your newly created Login Name and Password.
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