Course Syllabus
FIR 3410 Financial Management
Fall 2018
3.0 Credit Hours

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Course Overview:
Fundamentals of financial management: time value of money, financial risk and return, valuation of stocks and bonds, cost of capital, and capital management.

Pre-Requisites:
ACCT 2010, ECON 2020, and either SCMS 2710 or MATH 1530.

Required Texts (and Related Materials):
Fundamentals of Financial Management, Concise 9th edition by Brigham & Houston

Students should also obtain the Hewlett Packard 10bii financial calculator.

Course Objectives:
By successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

--Review the basic financial statements and understand how to use the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows to manage a firm’s finances.

--Master the basics of ratio analysis and know how trend analysis and benchmarking serve to measure a firm’s performance.

--Master the concepts of time value of money. They should be able to determine the present value and future value of both lump sums and annuities.
--Understand how the interest rate associated with a security is impacted by inflation, time to maturity, bond rating, and liquidity.

--Know the basic characteristics of corporate bonds and understand how to determine the valuation and yield to maturity of a corporate bond.

--Describe the relationship between risk and return. They will also be able to calculate the required return of a stock using the Capital Asset Pricing Model.

--Provide the rights and privileges of a stockholder and know how to calculate the expected price of a stock.

--Use the basic techniques of capital budgeting. They will be able to determine which projects are profitable and which are not.

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Goal 1: Graduates will be effective communicators.

Goal 2: Graduates will demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Goal 3: Graduates will be knowledgeable about ethical factors in the business environment.

Goal 4: Graduates will be knowledgeable about the global business environment.

Goal 5: Graduates will be proficient users of business presentation and analysis technology.

Course Methodology

Grading and Evaluation Criteria

There will be 3 exams in the course. Each exam will include both multiple choice questions and problems. Each exam will be equally weighted (one third of the overall grade).

Final Course Grades

I do not plan to use plus or minus grades for the overall grade. The final grading scale will be as follows:

90 and above = A
80-89 = B
65-79 = C
55-64 = D
Below 55 = F

Final Exam Schedule

The final exam for this class will be on Friday, December 7 at 8 am in the regular classroom.
Course Policies:

E-MAIL:

All students are required to maintain and access their University of Memphis (@memphis.edu) email account. You will receive all official course correspondence at this email account. Any inability to receive incoming mail in a timely fashion (e.g., not regularly checking your email, having a “full mailbox” condition, etc.) is the student’s responsibility.

Attendance:

Students are highly encouraged to attend all classes. Poor attendance is usually correlated with low grades. Students are responsible for material covered in class even if they were unable to attend. Make sure that you get notes from another student if you are absent.

Academic Integrity:

During tests, students should not use answers generated by other students. If I believe than an exam has been compromised, I reserve the right to have the suspected student to retake the exam. Furthermore, students will not be able to use a cell phone in class during exams. Please turn off all cell phones and keep them out of sight.

Participation:

I encourage students to work problems along with other students during the class sessions. If you do not understand the problem or methodology used, feel free to raise your hand and ask questions. Try to avoid talking during the lecture so that all students can hear what is being said.

Extra Credit:

There is no extra credit offered in this course. Your final grade will be computed based on your work as previously described in this syllabus.

Exams:

Each of the 3 exams will comprise multiple choice questions and numerical problems. Students will be expected to make up any exams missed because of personal illness or emergency. All students will be required to take the final exam.

Plus or Minus Grades

I do not plan to use plus or minus grades for the overall grades in this course.
Course Outline

M Aug 27 Orientation
W Aug 29 Chapter 1 Overview
F Aug 31 Chapter 1 Overview
M Sep 3 Labor Day
W Sep 5 Chapter 2 Markets & Institutions
F Sep 7 Chapter 2 Markets & Institutions

M Sep 10 Chapter 3 Financial Statements
W Sep 12 Chapter 3 Financial Statements
F Sep 14 Chapter 3 Financial Statements
M Sep 17 Chapter 4 Ratios
W Sep 19 Chapter 4 Ratios
F Sep 21 TBA

M Sep 24 Chapter 4 Ratios
W Sep 26 Review for Test 1
F Sep 28 Review for Test 1
M Oct 1 Test 1 (Chapters 1-4)
W Oct 3 Chapter 5 Time Value of Money
F Oct 5 Chapter 5 Time Value of Money

M Oct 8 Chapter 5 Time Value of Money
W Oct 10 Chapter 5 Time Value of Money
F Oct 12 Chapter 6 Interest Rates
M Oct 15 Fall Break
W Oct 17 Chapter 6 Interest Rates
F Oct 19 Chapter 7 Bonds

M Oct 22 Chapter 7 Bonds
W Oct 24 Chapter 7 Bonds
F Oct. 26 Chapter 7 Bonds
M Oct 29 Review for Test 2
W Oct 31 Test 2 (Chapters 5-7)
F Nov 2 Chapter 8 Risk & Return

M Nov 5 Chapter 8 Risk & Return
W Nov 7 Chapter 8 Risk & Return
F Nov 9 Chapter 9 Stocks
M Nov 12 Chapter 9 Stocks
W Nov 14 Chapter 9 Stocks
F Nov 16 Chapter 10 Cost of Capital
M Nov 19 Chapter 10 Cost of Capital
W Nov 21 Thanksgiving Break
F Nov 23 Thanksgiving Break
M Nov 26 Chapter 10 Cost of Capital
W Nov 28 Chapter 11 Capital Budgeting
F Nov 30 Chapter 11 Capital Budgeting

M Dec 3 Chapter 11 Capital Budgeting
W Dec 5 Review for Final
W Dec 12 10 am Final Exam