

Fayetteville State University
School of Business and Economics
Department of Finance, Economics, Entrepreneurship and Marketing
FINC 620 (Financial Management)

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II. Course Description

This course focuses on the firm's financing and investment decisions. Among the topics covered is capital budgeting, cost of capital, capital structure, and risk management. Emphasis is placed on the importance of valuation in financial decision making and on the effects of international capital markets on the firm's value creation opportunities.

III. Disabled Student Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) of 1990, if you have a disability or think you have a disability to please contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155 (1st Floor); 910-672-1203.

IV. Required Text and Materials

1. Textbook

- i. Corporate Finance, 9th Edition by Stephen A. Ross, Randolph W. Westerfield, and Jeffrey Jaffe, McGraw-Hill Irwin, 2010

2. Financial Calculator

Students will need the use of a financial calculator or Excel in this course. The calculator must at least have the following keys: PV, FV, PMT, I or I/YR, n, NPV, IRR, square root, e^x , and y^x . Calculators with these keys include the Hewlett Packard HP-10BII, HP-12C, and TI BAII Plus among others. The instructor uses a BAII Plus calculator for this class **and recommends the BAII Plus**. Each student is responsible for reading the calculator manual in order to become proficient in the use of the calculator. Students should know how to set change the number of decimal places and adjust the payments per period. Finally, students shall have sole responsibility to know how to use their calculator before they begin to work on the material in Chapter 4. Excel may also be used in place of or as supplement to the financial calculator to make computations.

V. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Identify the different issues examined in finance, and explain the role of a financial manager and the goal of financial management;
- 2) Characterize different types of financial markets and explain the relationship to the financial management of the firm;
- 3) Demonstrate an understanding of and the relationship between the different financial statements;

- 4) Extract information from financial statements and compute financial ratios;
- 5) Compute and interpret financial ratios;
- 6) Estimate cash flows and funding requirements;
- 7) Describe time value of money concepts and apply time value techniques to compute present and future values, rates of return, and the time required to achieve a financial goal;
- 8) Use financial techniques to value assets such as bonds and stocks;
- 9) Estimate cash flows for capital budgeting purposes;
- 10) Evaluate capital projects using various techniques;
- 11) Estimate the cost of capital;
- 12) Describe the components of capital structure and explain how financing decisions made to enhance firm value;
- 13) Explain alternate means by which a company compensate equity investors;
- 14) Explain the process firms use to raise capital;
- 15) Describe the characteristics of different types of long-term debt.

VI. Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

Cases

Up to Six cases will be assigned for this course. The case write-ups should be submitted via E-mail by the due date which will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. The document should be submitted in MS Word format, with 12 point print, double spaced paragraphs, with 1" margins (top, bottom, right and left). The write up should include the questions followed by the corresponding answers. The following information should also be included on each page: student's name, date, course number and case title. You may follow the format in the examples provided on Blackboard.

In grading the case write-up the following will be considered:

- Clarity and completeness of answers to all questions
- Answers demonstrate understanding of the subject matter
- Accurate computation along with the relevant formulas included
- Diagrams, tables and spreadsheets included where appropriate
- Includes bibliography and appropriate citation
- Overall presentation of the case

The filenames of the assignments you submit to for grading should be easily identifiable and distinguishable from each other. For this reason, here is a suggested format when submitting the case write-up for Case 3, Case03_Yournames.doc.

Optional Final Exam

An optional comprehensive final exam will be available to students who wish to improve their grade in the class. This exam can be used for up to 15% of the course grade and should be beneficial to students who missed assignments or those who did not perform satisfactorily on completed assignments. Students who are satisfied with their scores on the homework and cases do not need to take the final exam. The exam will be administered during the final week of the semester.

Homework

Successful completion of all the homework problems posted on Blackboard is an important component of this course. Working through the homework problems will help students to better understand the material, improve their performance and increase their ability successfully complete the cases. Homework problems and questions should be completed after the student has gone over the material in each chapter.

Students should first attempt to do the problems by themselves then collaborate with a classmate before they check with the solutions provided on Blackboard. Students, who need additional help with their homework problems after checking the solutions, should contact the instructor for further assistance. To do well on the homework and cases, students should develop the skill and knowledge necessary to eventually be able to do all of the homework problems without assistance.

Make-up Policy

If a student has commitments that may interfere with assignments then the professor must be notified prior to the due date and alternative arrangements will be made, if authorized by the professor. Otherwise, late submissions will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to adhere to ethical academic practices. Anyone participating (actively or passively) in the use or exchange of unauthorized material, or engaged in unethical practices during the pursuit of this course will be subjected to the university's Dishonesty in Academic Affairs policy (Refer to the Fayetteville State University Graduate Catalog).

Request for Review

A student may request a review of graded cases, or quizzes in writing within 5 days after they are returned or the date that the grade is made available to the student, whichever is earlier. The student must clearly state the specifics of the issue he/she would like the instructor to address. All requests for review must be in writing.

Technology Requirements

As an online course, students must have access to a computer with internet connection. High-speed internet service is preferred but not required. The course will be conducted on the Blackboard platform provided through the university (There is no specific software required by students.) Students can access Blackboard from the university homepage (<http://www.uncfsu.edu/>) by clicking on Current Students and then Blackboard Learning System or going to Quick Links and clicking on Blackboard. This will give you access to the FSU Blackboard System; from here you logon using your university assigned Logon ID and your password. Material submitted to the instructor for this course should be in Microsoft Office format.

Blackboard Interface. Students should be comfortable with all aspects of Blackboard including the use of mailing lists, digital drop boxes, and how to use communication tools to send and receive assignments from the professor and other class members.

The Internet. Students must be capable of using the internet, especially for purposes of retrieving course related information from the web and accessing the electronic facilities of the FSU Chesnut Library. The demands of the course may also require that students visit selected websites to retrieve information for the cases, practice exercises and effective participation in course discussions.

Email Services. Students must be capable of sending and receiving email, including the use of attachments. Written attachments submitted by the students must be in MS Word format.

Microsoft Office Professional. Students are expected to be competent in the use of Microsoft Office Professional. This is necessary since all work submitted must be in MS Word, Excel or PowerPoint format.

Evaluation Criteria

Homework	60%
Cases	30%
Class Participation	10%
Total	<u>100%</u>

Grading Scale

Scores	Grade	Meaning
90% to 100%	A	Superior
80% to 89%	B	Good
70% to 79%	C	Marginal (acceptable for graduate credit)

0% to 69% F Failure (any level of performance below “C”)

Prerequisites

FINC 560, with grade of “C” or better.

Conduct of Class

Students will be evaluated on the basis of exams, cases, homework and class participation through the Discussion Board. The instructor reserves the right to change the assigned chapters or parts of chapters and, thereby, the homework assignments and exam dates without it having any effect on the remainder of this syllabus; and reassign the weights for grading purposes. Students are also required to read additional materials assigned during the semester. Materials from the additional readings may be included on the exams.

The instructor will log onto Blackboard at least two times per week to review and respond to questions and comments posted by students.

When students send an email it must contain the following information:

Course Number, Section Number, Your Name, Reason for message
Example: FINC 620 D1 John Jones Question on Assignment Schedule

The above format is stipulated to mitigate the increasing threat of virus attacks, therefore, if the subject line of your emails do not follow this format, they will be deleted unread.

All discussions related to the course material will be conducted in an open forum on the Discussion Board so that all students can participate and benefit in process. Therefore, students should post their questions on the Discussion Board and not send questions directly to the instructor by email. The instructor does not respond to emails that address course material.

Students are encouraged to read current business publications including *The Wall Street Journal* and other financial publications (print and electronic) to stimulate their curiosity and expand their knowledge base of issues related to financial management. It is expected that information from these sources will provide material for your participation in the discourse that takes place on the Discussion Board. Students will have an opportunity during the first week of class to sign-up for a subscription to *The Wall Street Journal* at a special discount rate for students.

The *Code of the University of North Carolina* (of which FSU is a constituent institution) and the *FSU Code of Student Conduct* affirm that all students have the right to receive instruction without interference from other students who disrupt classes.

FSU Core Curriculum Learning Outcome under Ethics and Civic Engagement (6.03): All students will “prepare themselves for responsible citizenship by fulfilling roles and responsibilities associated with membership in various organizations.” Each classroom is a mini-community. Students learn and demonstrate responsible citizenship by abiding by the rules of classroom behavior and respecting the rights of all members of the class.

The FSU Policy on Disruptive Behavior (see FSU website for complete policy) identifies the following behaviors as disruptive:

1. Failure to respect the rights of other students to express their viewpoints by behaviors such as repeatedly interrupting others while they speak, using profanity and/or disrespectful names or labels for others, ridiculing others for their viewpoints, and other similar behaviors;
2. Excessive talking to other students while the faculty member or other students are presenting information or expressing their viewpoints.
3. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices (including calculators on cell phones and similar electronic devices)

4. Overt inattentiveness (sleeping, reading newspapers)
5. Eating in class (except as permitted by the faculty member)
6. Threats or statements that jeopardize the safety of the student and others
7. Failure to follow reasonable requests of faculty members
8. Entering class late or leaving class early on regular basis
9. Do not leave trash behind.

The instructor may take the following actions in response to disruptive behavior. Students should recognize that refusing to comply with reasonable requests from the faculty member is another incidence of disruptive behavior.

1. Direct student to cease disruptive behavior.
2. Direct student to change seating locations.
3. Require student to have individual conference with faculty member. At his meeting the faculty member will explain the consequences of continued disruptive behavior.
4. Dismiss class for the remainder of the period. (Must be reported to department chair.)
5. Lower the student's final exam by a maximum of one-letter grade.
6. File a complaint with the Dean of Students for more severe disciplinary action.

Students who believe the faculty member has unfairly applied the policy to them may make an appeal with the faculty member's department chair.

Students should not conduct private conversations while the class is in session.

University policy prohibits non-enrolled students from being present in the classroom.

Some of the requirements outlined under the **Conduct of Class** may not apply since this is an online course.

VII. Academic Support Resources

Smarthinking, University College Learning Center, and materials provided on Blackboard by the instructor and textbook publisher.

VIII. Course Outline

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to Corporate Finance (Chapter 1)
2	Financial Statements and Cash Flow (Chapter 2)
3	Financial Statement Analysis and Long-Term Planning (Chapter 3)
4	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation (Chapter 4)
5	How to Value Stocks and Bonds (Chapter 5)
6	Net Present Value and Other Investment Rules (Chapter 6)
7	Making Capital Investment Decisions (Chapter 7)
8	Risk Analysis, Real Options, and Capital Budgeting (Chapter 8)
9	Risk, Cost of Capital and Capital Budgeting (Chapter 12)
10	Long-Term Financing (Chapter 14)
11	Capital Structure (Chapter 15)
12	Capital Structure: Limits to the Use of Debt (Chapter 16)
13	Dividends and Other Payouts (Chapter 18)
14	Issuing Securities to the Public (Chapter 19)
	Long-Term Debt (Chapter 20)
15	Short-Term Finance and Planning (Chapter 26)
16	Final Exam Schedule: TBA (Check Blackboard)

IX. Teaching Strategies

To successfully complete this course students must be disciplined and exert significant personal effort. While there are no class lectures, there are deadlines, which must be met in order to progress and successfully complete the course. Strategies employed to facilitate student learning includes the provision of lecture notes, solution to problems with explanations, online discussion of course material and current issues related to financial management, PowerPoint presentations, readings from the financial press, assigned homework problems, the use of cases, and quizzes at the end to each chapter.

X. Bibliography

Brealey, Richard A., Stewart C Myers, and Franklin Allen, *Principles of Corporate Finance*, 9th Edition, McGraw Hill (2008).

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Copeland, Thomas E., Weston, J. Fred and Kuldeep Shastri. *Financial Theory and Corporate Policy*, 4th edition, Addison Wesley, (2005).

Emery, Douglas R. and John D. Finnerty, *Corporate Financial Management*, 3rd Edition, Prentice-Hall, Inc. (2007).

Gitman, Lawrence J., *Principles of Managerial Finance*, 12th Edition, Boston, MA: Pearson Prentice Hall (2009)

I. Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

B. Name that you prefer to be called _____

C. Hometown _____ State _____

D. Phone Number: Day _____ Night _____

E-mail Address: _____

Hobbies and Interests _____

Undergraduate Major: _____

Campus Organizations or Extra Curricula Activities _____

Finance Experience: _____

II. Classification and Career Plans

M.B.A. Other (specify)

Current Occupation: _____

Career Aspirations (if known) _____

Prerequisite Information (FINC 560 or equivalent, with grade of 'C' or better)

Grade in FINC 560 _____

Taken at FSU Other (name of school) _____

Instructor's Name _____

A. Semester and year taken _____

I _____ do affirm that I have successfully completed all of the prerequisites for the course listed above or obtained the necessary waiver from the Instructor or MBA Director. I also attest that I have read the course syllabus, reviewed course materials on Blackboard, fully understands and agrees with the requirements to participate in discussion on Blackboard, read assigned chapters, do all homework assignments, the technology requirements, accept and observe all the relevant due dates, grading procedures, make-up policies, requests for review procedure, and all other requirements and conditions outlined in the course syllabus.

Signed _____ Date _____

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CLASS AFTER THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS OF THE ACADEMIC SEMESTER IF A COMPLETED AND SIGNED COPY OF THIS FORM HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO THE INSTRUCTOR.