

University of Connecticut
Financial Management, FNCE 3101 Fall 2017
Tu, Th 12:30pm – 1:45pm in BUS 202

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MISSION STATEMENT:

Real World, Real Learning, Real Impact. Be a globally recognized provider of exceptional managerial and business leadership through innovative experiential learning in a dynamic global business context: integrating real world education, outstanding research and strategic outreach.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (from the University Catalog):

(3 credits) An introductory examination of how a business plans its needs for funds, raises the necessary funds, and invests them to attain its goals.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Time Value of Money
- 2) Estimation of cash flows and cost of capital
- 3) Use of cash flow projections and cost of capital for project evaluation
- 4) Capital Structure theory and decisions
- 5) Properties and Valuation of Stocks, Bonds, and Preferred Stock
- 6) Systematic vs Unsystematic Risk and Effects of Diversification

PREREQUISITES:

ACCT 2101, which may be taken concurrently; ECON 1200 or both 1201 and 1202; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800; MATH 1070Q and 1071Q or MATH 1131Q and 1070Q/1132Q or MATH 1125Q, 1126Q, and 1132Q/1070Q and STAT 1000 or 1100; open to juniors or higher. Not open for credit to students who have passed BADM 3730.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- **Textbook:** Brigham and Houston, Fundamentals of Financial Management, Concise 8th Edition, Cengage Learning. You can get an e-copy of the book when you register for Aplia. See bundle options below.
- **Software: Aplia.** This software is required for the course. You will need to purchase **ONE** of three bundles.
 1. eBook + Aplia
OR
 2. eBook + Aplia + paper textbook
OR
 3. eBook + Aplia + hardcover textbook
- **Financial Calculator:** A financial calculator is required for this class. Any *financial* calculator is acceptable; however the Texas Instruments BAII Plus is recommended and will be used for instructional purposes. If you choose to purchase a different brand/model, you are responsible for ensuring that you learn how to operate it. (The BAII Plus can be found for < \$30 new online, Plus Professional is \$10-\$15 more). Several financial calculators, including the aforementioned models, are available in the Co-op.

GRADE DETERMINATION:

<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Activity</u>
20%	Online Homework Assignments
25%	Midterm 1
25%	Midterm 2
30%	Final Exam

A standard grading scale for this class will be used as shown below:

GRADING SCALE:

A (>93.0%), A- (90%-92.9%), B+ (87.0%-89.9%), B (83.0%-86.9%),
B- (80%-82.9%), C+ (77.0%-79.9%), C (73.0%-76.9%), C- (70%-72.9%), D+ (67.0%-69.9%),
D (63.0%-66.9%), D- (60%-62.9%), F (<60%)

Note: Final course grades will be calculated based upon the grading scale shown above; however, a curve may be applied to individual exams and/or final averages if deemed appropriate.

ATTENDANCE:

Class attendance will not be directly counted as a component of the final course grade; however, attendance will be taken randomly 4 times during the semester and 0.5% will be added onto the final average of any student in attendance for each of these class days. Excused absences will not receive credit, because this is considered a bonus.

If you need to miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain the class notes from one of your classmates, and review the material. You may also come see me during office hours to discuss missed class notes, or any part of the material that you are having difficulty understanding. Grades and class attendance tend to be positively correlated, so it is generally in your best interest to attend.

APLIA ONLINE HOMEWORK:

We will be using Aplia homework sets during the semester. There will be a homework set assigned every 1-2 weeks.

Please note: the homework sets are generally due at 11:45PM on the **Wednesday following completion** of a chapter. I will announce in class one week ahead when homework is due. Aplia will **not** accept late assignments! You are encouraged to work on assignments well before the deadline.

Note: Although examinations must be completed individually, it is acceptable for you to discuss homework problems with fellow classmates if this helps you to learn the material. If you need help, please contact me in advance and not immediately before a deadline.

MIDTERM EXAMS:

Midterm examinations will be held in class during the days indicated within the Class Outline. You must take the exam as scheduled unless you obtain instructor approval or encounter an emergency (see 'missed exams').

For all exams, you should bring your calculator and something to write with. You cannot bring your own cheat sheet; however, some formulas may be provided with the exam materials. This will be discussed prior to the exam.

FINAL EXAM:

A common final exam will be held for this course. Please be sure to check the time and location for this exam in advance, as the university sets this during the semester. This information can be found by checking the registrar's webpage or asking your instructor once the final exam schedule is released. The final exam is cumulative; thus, it will cover all chapters discussed during the semester.

MISSED EXAMS:

It is your responsibility to make every effort to ensure you are present for the examinations. Unexcused absences will result in a grade of 0%. If you have a conflict, please discuss it with me as far in advance as possible. In general, make-up exams are only offered in the event of extenuating circumstances as detailed within the university's policies. (Visit <http://dos.uconn.edu/finals-rescheduling/> for information on finals rescheduling.) Note that the final exam may be scheduled on any day during finals week, and you are responsible for taking the exam during the scheduled time.

If you have an excused absence for the day of the exam, my general policy is to have you complete a makeup examination. In such an event, I will provide an alternate time when the exam can be taken. (In certain cases, I may agree to reweight the remaining components of the course grade instead of administering a makeup. I will make the determination in such cases. Reweighting will only be considered for missed midterm exams and not for a missed final exam.)

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY:

The School of Business faculty strongly believes that academic integrity is a corner stone in the educational process. All students should familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations found in the student code (<http://community.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/523/2014/06/1415-The-Student-Code.pdf>).

Note: It is crucial that you do your own work on all examinations and quizzes. If there is evidence of cheating disciplinary action will be taken, which may consist of giving a grade of 0% for the examination in question. Other punishments, including those listed in the university's policies, may be used when deemed appropriate. Please seek help early if you have difficulties in the class.

CLASS POLICIES:

Please be considerate of your instructor and fellow classmates and mute all cell phones, computer speakers, and other electronic devices. If you must take an emergency call, you may leave the classroom. Network access will *not* be disabled unless the majority of the class requests it or I feel that the majority of students are not paying attention in class.

If you have any special needs or require some accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible so suitable arrangements can be made.

SNOW DAYS:

I will follow the university's snow day policy. In the event of an exam falling on a snow day, the exam will be rescheduled to the soonest available date, which will be announced via email. Online assignments will not be rescheduled in the event of a snow day since they are electronically based.

CLASS OUTLINE

The following outline is a *tentative* schedule of topics to be covered; we may change the timing or order as needed. Make sure to check with your fellow students for any changes if you miss any class.

Week	Date	Chapter	Topic
1	8/29	N/A	Overview
	8/31	Ch. 5	Time Value of Money
2	9/5	Ch. 5	Time Value of Money
	9/7	Ch. 5	Time Value of Money
3	9/12	Ch. 5	Time Value of Money
	9/14	Ch. 6	Interest Rates
4	9/19	Ch. 6 / Ch.7	Interest Rates / Bonds
	9/21	Ch. 7	Bonds and Their Valuation
5	9/26	Ch. 7	Bonds / Review
	9/28	Midterm 1	EXAM (Ch. 5, 6, 7)
6	10/31	Exam Solution	Midterm 1 Solution
	10/5	Ch. 4	Analysis of Financial Statements
7	10/10	Ch. 4	Analysis of Financial Statements
	10/12	Ch. 8	Risk and Rates of Return
8	10/17	Ch. 8	Risk and Rates of Return
	10/19	Ch. 8	Risk and Rates of Return
9	10/24	Ch. 9	Stocks and Their Valuation
	10/26	Ch. 9	Stocks and Their Valuation
10	10/31	Ch. 9	Stocks and Their Valuation
	11/2	Midterm 2	EXAM (Ch. 4, 8, 9)
11	11/7	Exam Solution	Midterm 2 Solution
	11/9	Ch. 10	Cost of Capital
12	11/14	Ch. 10	Cost of Capital
	11/16	Ch. 10	Cost of Capital/Review
13	Off (11/21)	N/A	None – Thanksgiving recess
	Off (11/23)	N/A	None – Thanksgiving recess
14	11/28	Ch. 11	Basics of Capital Budgeting
	11/30	Ch. 12	Cash Flow Estimation
15	12/5	Ch. 13	Capital Structure and Leverage
	12/7	Ch. 13	Capital Structure and Leverage/Review
16	TBD	FINAL EXAM	All - Cumulative

* Final Exam date and location is set by the university.

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After the temporary access period ends you will be required to pay for access.

Please note: At the end of the temporary access period, your course access will be suspended until your payment has been made. All your scores and course activity will be saved and will be available to you after you pay for access.

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