

Financial Management, FINN 3120, Sec 002

Fall 2018

Time: 9:05 am - 9:55 am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Classroom: Friday 142

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Textbook

Required

Foundations of Finance, *Ninth Edition*, by Arthur Keown, John Martin, and William Petty, 2016. Publisher: Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0134083285

*Past editions are okay to use but not recommended.

*Textbook is available in the book store or from amazon.com.

Optional

MyFinanceLab, an integrated on-line homework management system that provides hands-on practice and guided tutorial instruction for each of the chapters in your text.

Course materials

Presentation slides, homework and solutions, and other course materials will be available for download from your password-protected Canvas account at UNCC, accessible at <http://canvas.uncc.edu/> for all registered students. Material will be periodically added to the website as we progress through the course. You will also be able to view your grades on homework and exams directly from your Canvas account as well. Students are responsible for checking their UNCC student e-mail and Canvas regularly for important information.

Academic Prerequisites

To enroll in the course students must have (1) declared a major in the College of Business with (2) at least a Junior standing (e.g., 60 or more earned semester hours), and (3) have completed the following prerequisite courses:

1. MATH 1120: College Calculus
2. STAT 1220: Statistics I
3. ECON 2101: Macroeconomics
4. ECON 2102: Microeconomics
5. ACCT 2121: Financial Accounting
6. ACCT 2122: Managerial Accounting

7. INFO 2130: Introduction to Business Computing (or successful completion of the Microcomputer Proficiency Test)

I DO NOT HAVE the authority to add students to the course or override any prerequisites to register. Please visit the Undergraduate Advising office with questions.

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 object 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:

1. Developing an awareness of some major financial problems facing modern, for-profit business organizations as well as individual consumers
2. Obtaining an understanding of the basic principles and concepts necessary to analyze these financial problems; and
3. 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 is lecture-based with in-class exercises. However, class participation and discussion are highly recommended.

Important Deadlines and Due Dates

- August 22nd, 2018: First day of classes
- August 27th, 2018: Last Day to Add/Drop with No Grade
- September 17th, 2018: Exam 1
- October 12th, 2018: Exam 2
- October 22nd, 2018: Last day to withdraw from course (s); grade subject to Withdrawal Policy
- November 9th, 2018: Exam 3
- December 5th, 2018: Last day of classes
- December 7th, 2018: Final exam from 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Grading

Exam 1	21 points
Exam 2	23 points
Exam 3	23 points
Final Exam	23 points
Homework	10 points (1 points each*10)
Bonus (4 Quizzes)	4 points (1 point each*4)
Total	104 points

Grade

- 90 - 104 points A
- 80 - 89 points B
- 70 - 79 points C
- 60 – 69 points D
- Below 60 points F

Comments on Examinations, Homework, and Attendance

1. Final exam is not cumulative.
2. Exams will cover homework and lecture notes consistent with the tentative class schedule. The format of the exams will be multiple-choice questions. **Always bring a financial calculator.** I will support the use of the Texas Instruments BA II PLUS, this calculator is also supported by the book. Approximate purchase price is about \$30.00. Most Graphing Calculators, TI-83 Plus and later, have Financial Calculator Apps but I won't 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®), GARP® Financial Risk Manager (FRM®), and the Certified Management Accountants exam.
3. All Exams will make use of Scantron answer sheets that will be provided in class during exam days. Students are responsible for bringing Number Two pencils and a good eraser to record answers on the Scantron sheets. One page of cheat sheet (letter size, front and back, hand-written) is allowed. The cheat sheet has to be prepared by students themselves, no sharing or copy of other student's cheat sheet is allowed. Only concepts and formulas are allowed. No copying of any assignment problems/example questions is allowed on the cheat sheet.
4. Homework should be submitted online. Homework solutions will be posted on Canvas. No late homework assignments will be accepted.
5. The homework assignments will serve as an excellent reference for the content and structure of the exam questions.
6. The MyFinanceLab online resource has been proven to help students with step by step homework assignments guidelines.
7. 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** to obtain permission. Make-up examination will be scheduled. Students who fail to make-up a missed examination, or fail to attend the scheduled final exam, will receive a score of zero for all missed work.

Important University and/or College Policies

*See legal.uncc.edu for more information

1. **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.
2. **ATTENDANCE.** Students are expected to attend punctually all scheduled sessions 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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. 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.

Course Schedule, tentative and subject to changes

Week 1 8/21-8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Chapter 1: An introduction to the foundations of financial management
Week 2 8/27-8/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1 (<i>cont.</i>) • Chapter 2: The financial markets and interest rates
Week 3 9/3-9/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 1 due on Sep. 7th • Chapter 2 (<i>cont.</i>) • Chapter 3: Understanding financial statements and cash flows
Week 4 9/10-9/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 2 due on Sep. 14th • Chapter 3 (<i>cont.</i>) • Chapter 4: Evaluating a firm's financial performance
Week 5 9/17-9/21 9/17 Exam 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam 1 covering chapter 1, 2, and 3 • Chapter 4 (<i>cont.</i>)
Week 6 9/24-9/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 3 due on Sep. 24th • Chapter 5: The time value of money
Week 7 10/1-10/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 4 due on Oct. 1st • Chapter 5 (<i>cont.</i>)
Week 8 10/8-10/12 10/12 Exam 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 5 due on Oct. 10th • Review session • Exam 2 covering chapter 4 and 5
Week 9 10/15-10/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 6: The meaning and measurement of risk and return
Week 10 10/22-10/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 6 due on Oct. 22nd • Chapter 7: The valuation and characteristics of bonds
Week 11 10/29-11/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 7 due on Oct. 29th • Chapter 8: The valuation and characteristics of stock
Week 12 11/5-11/9 11/9 Exam 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 8 due on Nov. 5th • Chapter 9: The cost of capital • Exam 3 covering chapter 6, 7 and 8
Week 13 11/12-11/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 9 due on Nov. 16th • Chapter 9 (<i>cont.</i>) • Chapter 10: Capital-budgeting techniques and practice
Week 14 11/19-11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 10 (<i>cont.</i>)
Week 15 11/26-11/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework 10 due on Nov. 26th • Chapter 16: International business finance
Week 16 12/3-12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review session

*12/7 8:00 am-9:30am Final exam covering chapters 9, 10 and 16.