



UNC CHARLOTTE

BELK COLLEGE *of* BUSINESS

FINN 3120-090
Financial Management
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Class time: Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm – 06:45pm
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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 and (3) have completed the following prerequisite courses: MATH 1120, STAT 1220, ECON 2101, ECON 2102, ACCT 2122 and INFO 2130 (or successful completion of the Microcomputer Proficiency Test). Access to and familiarity with web browsers, spreadsheet and word-processing technique.

Course Overview and Objectives

The objective of this course is to familiarize you with the process of planning for, acquiring, and allocating funds by a business enterprise. This process involves several decision-making tools, including but not limited to the time value of money, financial statement analysis and financial forecasting, working capital management, pricing various types of risk, asset and project valuation, and determination of the firm's optimal capital structure. In this semester, we will illustrate how each of the tools help financial managers fulfill their jobs.

Students pursuing a concentration in finance should view this course as a foundation for future studies and work in corporate finance, financial markets, or financial institutions. Students who do not pursue a career in a finance-related area will gain a basic understanding of the nature and methods of financial analysis within the context of the business enterprise.

Course Materials

- **Handouts:** Handouts will be available from Canvas before classes.
- **Textbook:** Arthur J. Keown, John D. Martin, and J. William Petty, Foundations of Finance, Ninth Edition.
Hardcopy ISBN-13:9780134083285.
Digital book with MyLab Finance ISBN: 9780134099064.
- **Problem sets:** Problem sets and answer keys will be posted on Canvas.
- **Financial Calculator:** Please bring a calculator with financial functions to every class. Texas Instruments BA II Plus will be the calculator model used in class.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on two midterm exams, a final exam, homework assignments, and attendance according to the following weights:

Item	Credits	Grading Scale
Midterm exam 1	25	A ≥ 90
Midterm exam 2	25	B [80, 89]
Final exam	25	C [70, 79]
Assignments	15	D [60,69]
Attendance	10	F <60
Total	100	

- **Exam Policy:** The Midterm 1 and 2 will be given during regular class meeting time and each accounts for 25 credits. The Final exam accounts for 25 credits. All three exams are not cumulative. The grade of exams will be 100 points (The test may include bonus questions. In that case, the highest grade can be above 100 points). Please refer to the attached course timetable on the last page and be well prepared. All exams will be closed book and closed notes, one page of cheat sheet is allowed (can be two-sided). Always bring a financial calculator!
- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes and to actively participate in class discussion. I will give you 5 pop quizzes during classes for attendance. Students who come to the class and take the quiz will get 2 point for attendance. And students who can answer the quiz questions correctly will get another 2 bonus points.
- **Assignments:** There will be several problem sets covers from Chapter 1 to Chapter 10. We have one bonus homework for Chapter 16 (3 bonus points). Further details on the assignments are forthcoming. The solution will be posted on Canvas right after the due date, therefore no late homework assignments will be accepted. Homework assignments should be turned in class with physical copy on due date. Student will not be allowed to work on their homework during the class time. You will earn zero point from any late homework assignment. You shall notice that while group discussions are welcome, your completed homework shall not be a duplicated copy of any other student's work. Should such things be found, both your homework score and the original author's will be reduced by 50%.
- **Example:** Assume you get 80 on midterm 1, 85 on midterm 2, and 82 on final exam. You take 4 pop quizzes, and correctly answer 2 of them. You get average 90 on all your 5 homework assignments and 100 on the bonus homework assignment. Then your final grade will be:

$80*25\%(\text{midterm1})+85*25\%(\text{midterm2})+82*25\%(\text{final})+4*2(\text{attendance})+2*2(\text{quiz bonus})+90*15\%(\text{assignment})+80*3\%(\text{bonus homework})=89.65$, which will result in a grade of B.

Make-up policies for Exams

Make-ups for exams (two midterms and final) may be requested for valid excuses only. All excuses must have verifiable documentation. Foreseeable excuses (e.g. athletes on traveling squads) must be documented in advance. **Requests must be received and documented at least one week in advance of the exam.** The only acceptable unforeseen excuses for exams are death or serious illness in the family or a student illness. These also must be documented (e.g., by a doctor's letter). 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 Dates

- *January 9: First day of class*
- *January 16: Last day to add/drop*
- *February 11: Midterm exam 1*
- *March 19: Last day to withdraw from course(s)*
- *March 27: Midterm exam 2*
- *May 6: Final exam (5:00 pm-7:30 pm)*

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.

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.

Disability

If you have a disability that affects your ability to do the work in this course, please contact the Office of Disability Services to obtain a Letter of Accommodation in the first week of the semester and provide it to the instructor. The office is 230 Fretwell and the phone number is 704-687-4355.

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.

Tentative Course Timetable

The schedule is highly tentative and subject to changes. Topic may be added/omitted depending on the pace of the class.

Date	Topics
1/14	Chapter 1: An Introduction to the Foundation of Financial Management
1/16-1/21	Chapter 2: The Financial Markets and Interest Rates
1/23-1/28	Chapter 3: Understanding Financial Statements and Cash Flows
1/30-2/04	Chapter 4: Evaluating a Firm's Financial Performance
2/06	Review & Exercise
2/11	Midterm 1
2/14-2/21	Chapter 5: The Time Value of Money
2/25-2/27	Chapter 6: The Meaning and Measurement of Risk and Returns
3/04-3/06	Spring recess
3/11-3/14	Chapter 7: The Valuation and Characteristics of Bonds
3/18-3/21	Chapter 8: The Valuation and Characteristics of Stocks
3/25	Review & Exercise
3/27	Midterm 2
4/01-4/08	Chapter 9: The Cost of Capital
4/10-4/17	Chapter 10: Capital-Budgeting Techniques and Practice
4/22-4/25	Chapter 16: International Business Finance
4/29	Review & Exercise
5/6	Final Exam 5:00 pm -7:30 pm