

**FINN 6211-U90**  
**Fixed Income Securities and Credit Risk**  
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Textbooks:

*Fixed Income Securities: Tools for Today's Markets*, 3rd edition, by Bruce Tuckman and Angel Serrat

*Introduction to Fixed Income Analytics: Relative Value Analysis, Risk Measures, and Valuation*, 2nd edition, by Frank J. Fabozzi, Steven V. Mann (Free access to electronic version available through UNCC Library)

**About this Class**

This course provides students with the opportunity for an in-depth study of the fixed income markets and the derivatives most commonly used in those markets. Topics include a survey of the most important fixed income securities and derivatives, the structures of the fixed income markets, an overview of the roles of various participants in these markets, interest rate and term structure models, measures of risk and return for fixed income securities, techniques of fixed income portfolio management, and pricing methods for fixed income derivatives (including bond futures, bond futures options, interest rate options, interest rate swaps, and credit-default swaps).

**Academic Integrity**

I take academic dishonesty very seriously, and I expect you to do so as well. You are responsible for understanding the University's policy regarding Academic Integrity. That policy can be found in the 2018-2019 Graduate Catalog.

**Electronic Communications**

All students at UNC-Charlotte are assigned a student email account, which is the official means of communication between the University and the student. Although I will certainly respond to you if you use another email system, you should be aware that any class-wide announcements that I send through Canvas will be sent to your UNC-Charlotte account.

**Grading Policies**

There will be two midterm exams and one cumulative final exam. Each midterm will count for 20% of your final grade, and the final will count for 40% of your final grade. The format of the tests will be a mixture of discussion questions and problems. I will also assign homework periodically. Your average score on these homework assignments will account for the remaining 20% of your grade. The final exam will be administered on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

**Grading Scale**

The lower bounds for final grades of A, B, C will be no higher than 90, 80, and 70 percent of the total available points, respectively. Grades will be curved if necessary.

**Missed Tests**

Make up exams will only be administered if your absence is unavoidable. You must make me aware of any such unavoidable absences as soon as possible after you learn of them so that an alternative exam time can be set.

**Statement on 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.

**Statement on Disability Accomodations**

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.