COURSE DESCRIPTION: The theory and practice of corporate (business) finance, including asset management, cost of capital and capital budgeting, optimization problems, and socio-economic aspects of financial management. Computer technology may be employed when applicable.

1. COURSE OBJECTIVE: The objective of the course is to learn and understand the decision-making aspects of planning for, acquiring, and allocating capital within the firm.

2. PREREQUISITES: Full Graduate Student Status.

3. TEXTBOOKS: *Financial Management: Theory and Practice; 14e*. By Brigham & Ehrhardt; South-Western, pub. 2014/2011. (Any cases used in the course will be ‘hand outs’)

4. EVALUATION: Three (3) exams, 84% of total grade (each exam 28%). Class participation, which includes preparation of several individual cases, 16% of total grade.

5. ATTENDANCE POLICY: There is no ‘attendance policy’. (Please be reminded that in order to perform at an acceptable level on at least the ‘class participation’ portion of the grade, you must attend class.)

Communication

The most efficient way to contact me is through email. I check my email regularly and typically respond promptly. If I haven’t responded, that means, for whatever reason, I did not receive your communication. Please continue to email me until you get a response. Much out-of-class communication will be done by email. I will contact you on your standard UNCC email address (@uncc.edu). If you respond with another email address, I will assume it is fine to respond back to you at that same email address. When I email the entire class, I will only use your UNCC email address.

Make-up Policies for Exams

Make-up exams may be requested for valid excuses only. All excuses must have verifiable documentation. Foreseeable excuses (e.g. traveling for work) must be documented and requests received 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. A student missing a test with an unexcused absence will receive a score of zero.

When You Need Help

Please seek assistance if you have any questions about course material or difficulties with the concepts. This includes questions during class, office hours or appointments, by e-mail, before you hand in assignments, and after you receive your grade. Your regular and thoughtful preparation for class, your
engagement with the course materials, and your regular class attendance are the most important determinants of success in the course. Remember, the summer term moves by quickly!

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OUTLINED IN THE 2016-2017 UNIVERSITY (Graduate) CATALOG, On-line version, http://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-407 (Links to an external site.)

GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE & TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

*Exam 1
Overview of Financial Management Chapter 1
Financial Statements, Cash Flow, and Taxes (to pp. 76) Chapter 2
Analysis of Financial Statements Chapter 3
Time Value of Money Chapter 4

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Exam 2
Bond Valuation and Interest Rates Chapter 5
Risk, Return, C.A.P.M. Chapter 6
Stocks and Their Valuation Chapter 7
Financial Options Chapter 8

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Exam 3
The Cost of Capital Chapter 9
Capital Budgeting Chapter 10
Capital Structure Decisions Chapter 15
Supply Chain and Working Capital Mgt. Chapter 16
Multinational Financial Management Chapter 17
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