

Finance 3403 Business Finance

Course Syllabus Spring 2005

Course Dates, Times, Locations & Office Hours:

CRN 10242: Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:15, Reed Hall 146
Office Hours: MW 1:00 – 3:15 and W 6:30 – 7:30.

Course Summary: Finance 3403 covers financial decision making in the corporation, including working capital and cash flow management, capital budgeting techniques, short and long term financing, and the capital structure of the business.

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Prerequisites & Other Requirements: ACG2021, ACG2071, ECO2023, CGS1100, MAC2233, and STA2023 all with a grade of C or better, and a Texas Instruments BAI PLUS hand-held financial calculator.

Grading & Grade Scale: Exams will consist of true-false, multiple choice, and problems. Course grades will be determined as follows:

Student Problem Manual.....	10%
In-Class Quizzes.....	15%
Exam 1.....	20%
Exam 2.....	25%
Comprehensive Final Exam.....	30%

A = 90% or better B = 80-89% C= 70-79% D = 60-69% F = less than 60%

Required Course Text: *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Alternate Edition, 6th Edition* by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan, McGraw-Hill Irwin. Purchase only the Alternate edition.

Policies & Guidelines:

- 1. Attendance.** You should attend all class sessions, and **be prepared** to participate in discussion of the material to be covered (with comments or questions). If you must miss a session, you should obtain the notes from a classmate. **Students** are responsible for knowing all material covered in class. That includes new material, assignments, quizzes, exams, and changes to the syllabus.
- 2. Homework and Quizzes.** Written responses to the assigned questions and problems from the Student Problem Manual (“SPM”) will be collected **on the last scheduled day of chapter coverage** as shown in this syllabus. In addition, in-class quizzes will be given at the conclusion of the lecture portion of each chapter, to help ensure that students are keeping abreast of the material. Quizzes will cover current material. Skipped assignments and missed quizzes will count as “0”. The two lowest

Quiz scores and the two lowest homework grades will be dropped in calculating your overall grade for each segment. The observant student will immediately notice that the answers are provided for all questions in the SPM; however, simply copying the answers without a full understanding will absolutely lead to poor performance on the exams.

3. **Academic Integrity.** Students are expected to do their own work on exams and assignments, although the formation of cooperative study groups to discuss and apply the concepts of the course is encouraged. Students will exhibit the highest ethical and moral standards while in class or participating in any class related activities.
4. **Exams and Missed Assignments.** Examinations will consist of multiple choice, true/false questions, and/or problems drawn from the assigned readings, quizzes, and homework. Concepts carry over throughout the course, with approximately one-half of the comprehensive final examination based on material previously covered in examinations 1 and 2. Missed examinations, quizzes, and assignments cannot be subsequently made up. The **weight of one missed examination** (Exams #1 or #2, but not both) **will be added to the final examination**. If you see that you will have an unavoidable conflict and notify your instructor **at least 2** weeks before the scheduled examination, you **may** be allowed to take that examination **earlier** than originally scheduled. Missed quizzes and homework earn a score of "0". Late homework cannot be accepted; if you cannot attend class on the day that a homework assignment is due, have someone else hand it in for you.
5. **Assistance.** I will be available to meet with you individually during office hours or by appointment. Tutors and supplemental help will also be available and will be discussed in greater detail near the beginning of the semester.
6. **Disability Accommodations Services.** Florida Gulf Coast University, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the University's guiding principles, will provide classroom and academic accommodation to students with documented disabilities. If you need to request accommodation in this class due to a disability, or you suspect that your academic performance is affected by a disability, please contact the Office of Multi Access Services located in the Student Services Building, room 214. The phone number is 590-7925 or TTY 590-7930.

Tentative Course Outline¹

Monday, January 10 ^{th*}	Chapter 1 Introduction to Corporate Finance.
Wednesday, January 12 th	Chapter 2 Financial Statements, Taxes and Cash Flow
Wednesday, January 19 ^{th*}	Chapter 2 (cont.)

¹ Note that this schedule is subject to change or modification at the discretion of the instructor and

Monday, January 24 th	Chapter 3 Working with Financial Statements
Wednesday, January 26 ^{th*}	Chapter 3 (cont.)
Monday, January 31 st	Chapter 4 Long–Term Financial Planning and Growth
Wednesday, February 2 ^{nd*}	Chapter 4 (cont.)
Monday, February 7 th	Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 4)
Wednesday, February 9 th	Review of Exam 1. Chapter 5 Introduction to Valuation: The Time Value of Money
Monday, February 14 th	Chapter 5 (cont.)
Wednesday, February 16 ^{th*}	Chapter 6 Discounted Cash Flow Valuation.
Monday, February 21 st	Chapter 6 (cont.)
Wednesday, February 23 rd	Chapter 6 (cont.)
Monday, February 28 ^{th*}	Chapter 7 Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
Wednesday, March 2 nd	Chapter 7 (cont.)
Week of March 7 th	Spring Break (no class)
Monday, March 14 ^{th*}	Chapter 8 Stock Valuation
Wednesday, March 16 th	Chapter 8 (cont.)
Monday, March 21 ^{st*}	Exam 2 (Chapters 5 – 8)
Wednesday, March 23 rd	<i>Last day to withdraw without academic penalty.</i>
Friday, March 25 th	Review Exam 2. Chapter 9 Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria
Monday, March 28 th	Chapter 9 (cont.)
Wednesday, March 30 ^{th*}	Chapter 10 Making Capital Investment Decisions
Monday, April 4 th	Chapter 10 (cont.)
Wednesday, April 6 ^{th*}	Chapter 15 Cost of Capital
Monday, April 11 th	Chapter 15 (cont.)
Wednesday, April 13 th	University Days – no classes

that the asterisk (*) indicates that homework is due on this date.

Monday, April 18th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, April 20th

Chapter 19 Short-Term Finance and Planning

Monday, 25^{th*}

Chapter 19 (cont.).

The final exam schedule has not yet been posted. However, please note that the **Final Exam** in this course is ***comprehensive***.