

# FIN 3403 Syllabus

## Prerequisites:

ACG 2021, ACG 2071, ECO 2023, ECO 2013, CGS 1100, MAC 2233, STA 2023 all with a minimum grade of C.

## Required Text and Calculator:

1. Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 6th edition, Alternate Edition by Ross, Westerfield and Jordon BUY ONLY THE ALTERNATE EDITION - ISBN 0-07-246982-X
2. Student Problem Manual for the book by Thomas H. Eysell. ISBN 0-07-246976-5
3. Texas Instruments BAII-PLUS financial calculator is required for the accounting and finance departments at FGCU. No other calculator can be used in examinations, quizzes or course work.

## Course Description:

A study of financial decision making in the corporate form of enterprise. An analysis of the sources and uses of funds. Emphasis is placed on working capital management; capital budgeting techniques; short and long term financing; capital structure and the value of the firm. Course coverage includes: Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,15,19.

## Spring 2004 Important Dates:

January 12	First Day of Classes
January 16	Last Day to Drop with 100% refund
January 19	M.L. King Holiday - NO CLASSES
February 6	Last Day to Drop with 25% refund
March 26	Last Day to Drop without Academic Penalty
March 8 - 13	Spring Break - NO CLASSES
April 26	Last day of classes
April 27 -30	Final Examination Week
May 1	Commencement

## Course Schedule by Week:

See the [Chapter Material](#) for the complete schedule. It includes links to chapter notes, slides, and answers.

## Grading Policy:

A	90% and above
B	80% to 89%
C	70% to 79%
D	60% to 69%
F	Below 60%

**A summary of the weights associated with each component of your final grade are as follows:**

Assignment	Weight
<a href="#">Student Problem Manual</a> (SPM)	10%
<a href="#">In-Class Quizzes</a> (ICQ)	15%
<a href="#">Examination 1</a>	20%
<a href="#">Examination 2</a>	25%
<a href="#">Final Examination</a>	30%

Your grade will be based upon your student problem manual work, in-class quizzes, and examinations.

**The Student Problem Manual** (SPM) is an excellent resource for you in this class. For each chapter you will be required to hand in the Concept Test and Problems. We will collect each chapter's work and check to see that you have completed it. Completed work will receive full credit - incomplete work may receive partial or no credit at the instructor's discretion. Your two lowest grades are dropped when we calculate your Student Problem Manual grade. This will include skipped assignments that earn a "0". Due dates will be announced in class, and late homework will not be accepted. You are welcome to work together as a group on these, but each individual must hand in his/her own work.

The astute student will immediately notice that the answers are provided for all questions - so you can receive full credit if you simply copy the complete set of answers and hand them in. It does not help you, however, to simply copy answers into the blanks. Homework is critical in your preparation for examinations and quizzes. We view homework as a structured form of a class "participation grade" and class "curve."

**In-Class Quizzes** (ICQ) will be given at random - expect one per week. A quiz will cover the material assigned for that week. All quizzes will have equal weight, and your average quiz grade will be applied to the quiz weight in final grade determination. We will drop the lowest two recorded ICQ grades when they are averaged at the end of the semester. See the Missed Assignment policies below.

**Examinations** may consist of multiple choice, true/false, and/or problems. They will draw from all assigned readings, quizzes, homework, and other assignments. Many examination and quiz questions will involve solving problems. Thus, it is important that you understand the theory well enough to apply it to the problems that we will analyze.

While the course materials are not cumulative in the strict sense, you will find that it becomes very difficult to follow the material in later chapters without a sufficient grasp of the previous fundamentals. Concepts carry throughout the course, with approximately one half of the comprehensive final examination based on material previously covered in examinations 1 and 2.

**Missed Graded Assignments:**

Missed examinations cannot be made up. The weight of a missed examination (# 1 or # 2) will be added to the final examination. (For example, if you choose to skip the first examination, your final examination will make up 50% of your final grade.) Missed quizzes and homework earn a score of "0". Late homework will not be accepted. If you can not attend class on the day that an assignment or homework is due, then have someone else hand it in for you, or slide it under your professor's door on the day it is due by 5:00 p.m.

**Other Course Issues:**

Group Work: Research in the area of learning has substantiated the positive effects of group study. When carried out with serious effort, the returns from group study can be great for all members of the group. I would strongly encourage you to form study groups and set a regular meeting time to discuss this course. We would ask that you assist each other, treating the study group as a cooperative experience rather than a competitive one. We have no problem with groups working together on the homework assignments.

Unless explicit permission is given (such as homework assignments above), all work handed in must be done alone. You are welcome to discuss and work together, but when you "put pencil to paper" it must be your own work. To do otherwise will be regarded as an act of academic dishonesty.

**Academic Dishonesty/Cheating:**

Academic Honesty is your responsibility and ethical duty. Appropriate steps for dealing with scholastic dishonesty are spelled out in the Student Guidebook, and these steps will be strictly followed if any such activity is suspected. These guidelines pertain to all work done in this class, including take-home assignments and graded homework. (You have explicit permission to engage in group homework under the conditions outlined above.)

Our attitude concerning academic dishonesty is simple: cheating defeats the learning process. It is not worth the potential consequences of getting caught, nor the self-degradation it involves, whether you are caught or not.

**Disclaimer:**

The schedules and procedures in this course are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

<b>Week Of:</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Slides</b>	<b>Answers</b>
<b>1/12</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b> INTRODUCTION TO CORPORATE FINANCE	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
1/19 Off for MLK Day	<b>Chapter 2</b> FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, TAXES AND CASH FLOW	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>1/26</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b> WORKING WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>2/2</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b> LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING AND GROWTH	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>2/9</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>			
<b>2/16</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b> INTRODUCTION TO VALUATION: THE TIME VALUE OF MONEY	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Calculators</a> <a href="#">Formulas</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>2/23</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b> DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW VALUATION	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Calculators</a> <a href="#">Formulas</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>3/1</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b> INTEREST RATES AND BOND VALUATION	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>3/8</b>	<b>Spring Break through 3/13</b>			
<b>3/15</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b> STOCK VALUATION	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>3/22</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>			
<b>3/29</b>	<b>Chapter 9</b> NET PRESENT VALUE AND OTHER INVESTMENT CRITERIA <b>Note:</b> Last day to drop without penalty is 3/26/04.	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>4/5</b>	<b>Chapter 10</b> MAKING CAPITAL INVESTMENT DECISIONS	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>4/12</b>	<b>Chapter 15</b> COST OF CAPITAL	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>4/19</b>	<b>Chapter 19</b> SHORT-TERM FINANCE AND PLANNING	<a href="#">Notes</a>	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Figures</a>	<a href="#">Answers</a>
<b>4/26</b>	<b>Last day of classes</b>			
<b>4/27</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>			