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FIN 3310 Business Finance
Course Syllabus, summer 2014

Class Hours: 5:30– 8:00 pm, MTWR, in BUSN - 309

Office Hours: after class and by appointment

Required Text: Fundamentals of financial management – Concise
by Brigham and Houston, 8th edition

Course Description: An introduction to the concepts of finance as applied in a business environment. Topics typically covered include financial environment, time value of money, valuation, capital budgeting, capital structure, and working capital management

Prerequisites: ACCT 2301 with "C" or better and (1) MATH 1320 with "C" or better or (2) MATH 1409 with "C" or better or (3) MATH 1410 with "C" or better or (4) MATH 1508 with "C" or better.

Calculators: You need access to a *business* calculator, such as TI BA II Plus (recommended) or equivalent. Your calculator should be able to compute the net present value (NPV) and the internal rate of return (IRR) on an uneven stream of cash flows.

Grade Components:

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Exam 3	25%
Exam 4	25%
Or final exam	100%

Attendance: Although there is no attendance point for this class, students are strongly encouraged to attend each class session and participate in class discussions. Students who attend class regularly perform substantially better in the exams than those who do not.

Exams: Four exams will be given. The exams will be based on assigned readings, lectures, and most importantly, assigned end-of-chapter problems. The student has the option of dropping the 4 exams and replacing it with the grade received for the final exam.

Tentative Course Outline:

The class will be organized as follows.

7-7: Ch. 1 – Overview, Ch. 2 - Financial Markets and Institutions

7-8: Ch. 3 - Financial Statements, CF, and Taxes,
Ch. 4 – Analysis of Financial Statements

7-9: Ch. 5 – Time value of money

7-10: **Exam 1 (Ch 1, 2, 3, 4)**

7-14: Ch. 5 – Time value of money

7-15: Ch. 6 – Interest Rates

7-16: Ch. 7 – Bonds and their Valuation
Ch. 8 – Risk and Return

7-17: **Exam 2 (Ch 5, 6, 7)**

7-21: Ch. 8 – Risk and Return

7-22: Ch. 9 – Stocks and their valuation

7-23: Ch. 10 – The cost of capital
Ch. 11 - Basics of Capital Budgeting

7-24: **Exam 3 (Ch 8, 9, 10)**

7-28: Ch. 11 - Basics of Capital Budgeting

7-29: Ch. 12 – CF estimation

7-30: **Exam 3 (Ch 11,12)**

7-31: **Review for final exam**

8-4: **FINAL EXAM at 4:00 pm**

Important Notes:

1. In addition to the announced office hours, students may stop by my office at anytime (or email me) to ask questions.
2. If you have any trouble with the class, please get help ASAP. Do not let the problems buildup.
3. If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.
4. **Academic integrity**. Academic integrity is an extremely serious matter. All students are expected to comply with University rules and regulations on academic integrity and honesty. Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed for violations of these rules and regulations. Because this class is a combination of quizzes and written case reports, extra care will be taken to assure the integrity of the teaching/learning process.
5. This syllabus is tentative.