



FIN 3310
Business Finance
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Course credits: 3
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Course Prerequisites: ACCT 2301 and MATH 1320 or MATH 1409 or MATH 1410 or MATH 1508, each with a grade of “C” or better.

Course Description: This course introduces concepts and analytical techniques to identify and solve financial management problems. It serves as the basis for all other courses in the area of finance as well as providing those basic tools that every business student will need to be successful in her/his chosen career. Those students majoring in business administration and accounting, as well as those going further in the study of finance, will find this material an essential part of their business education. Regardless of the student’s chosen career, these tools and techniques will provide the foundation for making personal financial decisions.

Learning Objectives: You will learn to understand how and when to apply the basic concepts of financial analysis in a business setting, demonstrated through your ability to:

- Be able to apply time-value-of-money concepts to various valuation problems.
- Be able to describe what drives a firm’s cost of capital and how to estimate it.
- Be able to analyze investments in real and financial assets using various methodologies.

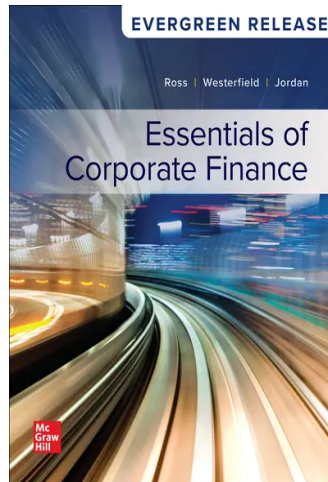
Course Materials:

- **Required Text:** *Essentials of Corporate Finance*
Authors: Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan

- **McGraw Hill Connect:**

Connect is an online platform that enables students to submit homework assignments and review their work. Access to Connect is required for this course. Explore [Purchase Options](#) here.

Once your account is activated, you can access your Connect homework assignments through Blackboard. Please use only one account so that your grades can be synced from Connect to Blackboard properly.



- **Financial Calculator:** You will need a financial calculator in order to do quantitative problems. For your reference, I will use the model *Texas Instruments BAI PLUS* throughout the course.
- **iClicker:** You are required to bring a device—such as a smartphone, tablet, or laptop—to participate in iClicker sessions during class. It is your responsibility to set up your iClicker account in a timely manner and ensure your device functions properly. If you do not already have an iClicker student account, you must create one to participate. Please use only one iClicker account for this class, preferably with your UTEP email address. iClicker access is free for UTEP students—no subscription purchase is necessary.

Basis for Final Grade: The overall course grade is the weighted score of the following components:

iClicker Quizzes	20%
Homework	20%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	20%

1. **Quizzes:** Multiple in-class iClicker quizzes will be given throughout the semester. You are expected to attend class in order to complete and submit these quizzes.
2. **McGraw Hill Connect Homework:** Homework assignments are designed to help you understand the theories discussed in class and to prepare for the exams. All assignments must be completed through Connect.
3. **Exams:**
 - All exams are closed book and closed notes. Missing an exam will result in a grade of zero unless due to a valid excuse, such as religious observance or a serious health issue like an emergency hospitalization. Notes from urgent care visits for minor illnesses, such as a cold, are not considered acceptable excuses. Students requesting accommodations for religious observance must inform the instructor at least three weeks in advance.

- Students may use financial calculators during exams. A standard formula sheet will also be provided for each exam.
- There will be three exams throughout the course. Exams are not cumulative, and each will consist of 25 multiple-choice questions. Each exam lasts for 80 minutes. A review session will be held before each exam.
- Exams will be held in person. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late will not be permitted to take the exam. If technical issues prevent a student from starting within 7 minutes, they must notify the instructor immediately. Likewise, all exams must be submitted by the designated end time. Late starts or late submissions may raise concerns regarding academic integrity.
- Students who finish their exams early must inform the instructor upon submission. No student will be permitted to leave early until the instructor has verified the submission details. Leaving the room early without permission will result in the exam being voided.

Letter Grade Distribution: At the end of the semester, you will receive a letter grade for the course. The letter grade distribution is as follows:

90.00 - 100.00	A
80.00 - 89.99	B
70.00 - 79.99	C
60.00 - 69.99	D
00.00 - 59.99	F

Feedback Policy & Grade Dissemination: The best way to reach me is via email. Graded exams and course materials will be reviewed individually only upon request.

Course Policies:

- Check your Blackboard frequently for course materials and announcements. Blackboard will be the main communication platform for the class.
- **No late assignments will be accepted.** Late assignment will result in 0 for the assignment.
- Accommodation requests through CASS are not retroactive.

University policies:

- **Withdrawal Policy:** A student may officially withdraw from this class with an automatic W at any time BEFORE Oct 31st. No withdrawals will be allowed after this date. Automatic withdrawals will NOT be made by the instructor. To be withdrawn from the class, students must take the appropriate actions on or before the university deadline.
- **Academic Integrity of Students:** The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) prides itself on its standards of academic excellence. In all matters of intellectual pursuit, UTEP students must strive to achieve excellence based on the quality of work produced by the individual. In the classroom and in all other academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Any form of scholastic dishonesty is an affront to the pursuit of knowledge and jeopardizes the quality of the degree awarded to all graduates of UTEP. It is imperative, therefore, that the members of this academic community understand the regulations pertaining to academic integrity and that all faculty members insist on adherence

to these standards. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Proven violations of the detailed regulations, as printed in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP), and available in the Office of the Dean of Students, and the homepage of The Dean of Students (DOS) at <http://www.utep.edu>, may result in sanctions ranging from disciplinary probation, to failing grade on the work in question, to a failing grade in the course, to suspension or dismissal, among others.

Course Support:

- **Academic Accommodations:** If you have a disability and need accommodations, please contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 915-747-5148, 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 <http://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass/>. Any request for accommodations needs to accompany with an official letter from CASS. Accommodations are NOT retro-active.
- **Blackboard Technical Support:** If you have technical difficulties in Blackboard, you can find access to the Blackboard guides and video resources in the UTEP Technology Support webpage at <https://www.utep.edu/technologysupport/>. You can also contact the help desk by calling 915-747-4357 (HELP) or emailing helpdesk@utep.edu

Tentative Course Outline:

Week	Content
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aug 26: Chapter 2• Aug 28: Chapter 2
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sep 2: Chapter 3• Sep 4: Chapter 3
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sep 9: Chapter 4• Sep 11: Chapter 4
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sep 16: Chapter 5• Sep 18: Chapter 5
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sep 23: Review• Sep 25: Exam 1
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sep 30: Chapter 10• Oct 2: Chapter 10
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 7: Chapter 11• Oct 9: Chapter 11
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 14: Chapter 6• Oct 16: Chapter 6
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 21: Chapter 7• Oct 23: NO CLASS (Professor will be at a conference)
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct 28: Chapter 7• Oct 30: Review
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov 4: Exam 2• Nov 6: Chapter 8
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov 11: Chapter 8• Nov 13: Chapter 9
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov 18: Chapter 9• Nov 20: NO CLASS (Professor will be at a conference)
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov 25: Chapter 12• Nov 27: NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
Week 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dec 2: Chapter 12• Dec 4: Review
Final week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final exam: 9:00 am Tuesday, December 9th

Assignment Due Dates:

Homework assignments are generally due each Monday and are automatically submitted to the system by the deadline. Be sure to complete and submit them on time.

Chapter HW	Start	Due
Chapter 2 HW	Aug 26	Sep 1
Chapter 3 HW	Sep 2	Sep 8
Chapter 4 HW	Sep 9	Sep 15
Chapter 5 HW	Sep 16	Sep 22
Chapter 10 HW	Sep 30	Oct 6
Chapter 11 HW	Oct 7	Oct 13
Chapter 6 HW	Oct 14	Oct 20
Chapter 7 HW	Oct 21	Nov 3
Chapter 8 HW	Nov 6	Nov 17
Chapter 9 HW	Nov 13	Nov 24
Chapter 12 HW	Nov 25	Dec 8