

Introductory Financial Management

FIN 3000 Semester- Fall 2016

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Course Description

The objective of this course is to provide an overview of management techniques and information related to the financial function of business firms. Topics covered will include capital budgeting, working capital management, cost of capital, capital structure analysis, and short and long term financing decisions

Prerequisites for this course are Managerial Accounting (Acct 2200), Micro Economics (Econ 1100), and Macro Economics (Econ 1200)

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to prepare undergraduate business majors with the basic knowledge and terminology related to the Corporate Finance Function. It is a spring board to all upper level Finance courses and a required course necessary prior to any capstone business strategy course.

Course Materials & Resources

<u>Required Text:</u> Contemporary Financial Management, 10th – 13th edition: Moyer R. Charles, James R. McGuigan, & William J. Kretlow The text will be provided by CIMBA.

<u>Required Equipment</u>: TI BA II Plus Financial Calculator (Professional model preferred). You will need the actual calculator. Having the BA II Plus application on your smart phone will not work for my class! It will also be important to have access to a computer. A laptop that will run Microsoft Office (PowerPoint and Excel specifically) is strongly recommended.

<u>Grading Policy:</u> Exam questions will be drawn from <u>both</u> the textbook and class lectures, which <u>may</u> include outside material. Make up exams will <u>not</u> be given without the instructor's <u>prior</u> consent. A doctor's note will be required if an exam is missed due to illness. Failure to take an exam will result in a grade of zero (0) on that exam. Exams will be a mixture of objective and subjective questions.

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Exam I	30%	Α	94-100%	C+	77-79% D- 60-63%
Exam II	30%	A-	90-93%	С	74-76% F BELOW 60% ouch!!!!
Final	30%	B+	87-89%	C-	70-73%
HW/Quizzes/cases	10%	В	84-86%	D+	67-69%
Total	100%	B-	80-83%	D	64-66%

As indicated above, I will be using a plus-minus grading scale.

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Recommended grade distribution- per Tippie College of Business:

Grade	Core Courses	Required Courses	Elective Courses
Α	20%	30%	40%
В	40%	40%	40%
С	30%	25%	15%
D	10%	5%	5%

Additional Information:

CELL PHONES: **You MAY NOT USE** your cell phones in class as they are a distraction from the lecture material. When you are in class, dedicate yourself to the topic at hand. If you must be on the phone, leave the room! Multiple infractions may result in the instructor marking you as absent (see policy on attendance).

Attendance Policy

Attendance at all classes and CIMBA sanctioned activities is MANDATORY. All unexcused absences will have the following consequences:

- a. 1st absence will result in a loss of a 1/3 of a letter grade in that class
- b. 2nd (cumulative) absence will result in a loss of an entire letter grade in that class
- c. 3rd (cumulative) absence will result in a dismissal from the program.

Absences due to illness require a note from the CIMBA Office Staff. If a student is sick and cannot attend class, he/she must inform the CIMBA Staff immediately. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.

Grievance Policy

Student concerns regarding this course should first be discussed with me, the faculty member teaching this course. If we can't resolve the complaint, you may contact the CIMBA Director, Brandelle Unkrich (319-335-1041, brandelle-unkrich@uiowa.edu). The Director will review the details of the complaint and involve the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Programs, as needed.

Academic Misconduct

The Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa follows an honor code regarding academic misconduct. That code can be found at http://tippie.uiowa.edu/honorcode.cfm and includes cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, obtaining an unfair advantage, forgery, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misrepresentation. Be sure you are familiar with this code. Students who exhibit academic dishonesty will receive a zero (0) for the assignment or examination involved and may receive an "F" for the class. All incidents of cheating will be reported to the CIMBA staff, as well as to the Senior Associate Dean of the Tippie College of Business. The decision of the professor may be appealed to a Judicial Board. The Honor Code for the Tippie College of Business will determine the appropriate appeal process.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities/Academic Accommodations

A student seeking academic accommodations such as a modification of seating, testing, timing, etc. should first register with Student Disability Services, then contact Shannon Lizakowski (shannon-lizakowski@uiowa.edu) in the CIMBA Office to make further arrangements. See http://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu for more information.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community have a responsibility to uphold this mission and to contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported immediately. If you feel that you are being or have been harassed or you are not sure what constitutes sexual harassment, we encourage you to visit the University website, www.sexualharassment.uiowa.edu/index.php, and to seek assistance from the CIMBA Director, Brandelle Unkrich, at 319-335-1041 or brandelle-unkrich@uiowa.edu.