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FINA 361 SECTION 002, MWF 10:30am -11:20am, CBA 143

FINA 361 SECTION 003, TR 2:00pm -3:15pm, BURN 118

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

This class will introduce you to important and essential concepts in modern finance and business. The course will prepare students for more advanced courses in business and has many practical applications to everyday life. You will learn about interest rates, investing, and how to make better financial decisions. Many of the concepts are essential toward preparing you for future business courses and business careers.

**TEXT:**

**Brigham and Houston**

**Fundamentals of Financial Management, 13th Edition**

In an effort to lower the cost of this textbook, it is available in a loose-leaf format at the bookstore. Some of the full hardcover versions should be available also.

**MindTap:**

A MindTap subscription is **required**. MindTap is software provided by the textbook publisher that allows you to complete practice problems online.

**CALCULATOR:**

**A financial calculator is required.**

* Texas Instruments BA II Plus (including BA II Plus Professional)

**NO other calculators may be used during the exam.**

**iClicker:**

The iClicker is required. Be sure you register your clicker on Blackboard. For student ID, enter your Blackboard user name.

**BLACKBOARD:**

All of my announcements will be sent to **your email address listed on Blackboard**. It is your responsibility to make sure that Blackboard has the email address that you use. After you log into Blackboard – go to “Personal Information”, and click “Edit Personal Information”. This is where you update your email address information.

**UNIVERSITY POLICY:**

It is the policy of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln not to discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, handicap, race, color, religion and national or ethnic origin in its educational programs. The faculty of the College of Business Administration strongly supports this policy. If you feel that some form of discrimination has been directed at you, contact me or the Department Chair.

**STUDENTS with DISABILITIES** are encouraged to contact the instructor for a confidential discussion of their individual needs for academic accommodation. It is the policy of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to provide flexible and individualized accommodation to students with documented disabilities that may affect their ability to fully participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. To receive accommodation services, students must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office, 132 Canfield Administration, 472-3787 voice or TTY.

**PREREQUISITES:**

Sophomore standing; 2.5 GPA; Business Qualified (MATH104 or MATH106 or MATH107/MATH107H or MATH208/MATH208H; ACCT201 or ACCT201H or RAIK181H; ACCT202 or ACCT202H or RAIK282H; ECON211 or ECON211H or RAIK282H; ECON212 or ECON212H or RAIK182H; ECON215 or ECON215H or STAT218 or equivalent.)

**The College will drop you from the course if you fail to meet the requirements for this course. If you are incorrectly dropped from the course, go to the Undergraduate Advising Office.**

**POWERPOINT:**

I will make PowerPoint slides available on Blackboard. You will find them to be helpful, but they **are not** a substitute for attending lectures, reading the book, and working problems. The PowerPoint slides will help to organize course material and your study preparation.

**ATTENDANCE:**

You are responsible for all material presented in lecture and recitation. Some of the material that is presented in class is not in the textbook. Many homework assignments and other important announcements are made in class. It is important that you use class time wisely. **Remember that coming to class late or leaving early distracts other students, you should do so only in an emergency.**

If you miss a class, you should arrange to get the material you missed form another student. I will not use time during my office hours to go over material I covered in class.

I will attempt to make the course as interesting as possible, but you must do your part. You must read the text, do the problems, and address any confusing material. Once you get behind, this class can seem like simply a confusing array of symbols and formulas and will be exceedingly dull. Reading the material before class and completing the homework assignments as we go along makes the class time much more interesting. Coming to class, paying attention, and getting help from me is **your** responsibility.

**PEER MENTOR:**

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**EXAMS:**

There are three exams. Examination dates are in the class schedule at the end of this syllabus. The exams are based on the material presented in class or assigned in the text. **All students, including seniors, must take the final at the scheduled time.**

**TYPE OF EXAMS:**

The exams mostly consist of multiple-choice computational problems. I try very hard to design exam problems that are similar to, but not copies of, assigned homework problems and problems completed in class. The questions will range from easy to difficult.

**MAKE-UP EXAMS:**

**Students must take exams and quizzes at the scheduled times.** In a large class such as this, the exam schedule cannot be changed to meet individual needs. I will not give any make-up exams. If you miss an exam, you will receive a zero on that exam. In special circumstances, I may allow you to take a final exam that includes additional material from a missed exam. If so, I will double the weight of your final exam score. Since you will have extra time to study for missed material, the amended final exam will be more difficult than the original exam.

Note that exam dates as outlined in the course calendar do not change but content coverage on exams may change depending upon the speed at which material is covered during the semester.

Any exam material taken outside of the regular schedule will **not** be multiple choice.

**HOMEWORK/QUIZZES**

Experience shows that the biggest hurdle students’ face in this class is that they wait until an exam to study. In a class that is both analytical and quantitative, this is often an irreversible mistake. Keep up with the homework in the chapters. Many of the problems are answered in the Appendix, and I have posted solutions to all of the problems in the textbook on the Blackboard page.

We will have in-class problems and quizzes testing your understanding of the end of chapter homework problems. Quizzes and problems in class will be completed on the iClicker. You cannot make up these problems if you miss a class.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Two midterm exams 55%

One cumulative final exam 35%

In-class problems and quizzes 10%

**GRADING POLICY**:

Points Grade

97-100 A+

 93-96.9 A

 90-92.9 A-

 87-89.9 B+

 83-86.9 B

 80-82.9 B-

 77-79.9 C+

 73-76.9 C

 70-72.9 C-

 67-69.9 D+

 63-66.9 D

 60-62.9 D-

 Below 60 F

**GRADE APPEALS:**

All grade appeals must be **in writing** and submitted to me by the next class. **No late appeals will be considered.**

**CHEATING:**

Working practice problems with other students is encouraged. You must, however, turn in work that you yourself completed. Cheating in any form is not tolerated. If you are caught cheating during an exam, your exam score will be forfeited and you will be expelled from the course.

**READINGS AND HOMEWORK:**

You must attend class to learn what material is important. Some topics are fairly straight forward, while others are fairly difficult. I will mostly concentrate on either the important or difficult material in class. It is essential that you keep up with the material as it is presented. **This, unfortunately, is not one of those classes in which it is possible to catch up at the last minute.** In particular, it is important to do the problems as the material is presented.

**Class schedule**

This schedule is tentative and will be adjusted during the semester. The exam dates will **not** change.

THE CLASS SCHEDULE IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

