

FINA 3000: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The basic concepts and analytical tools of finance in both corporate finance and investments. Topics include risk and return, financial institutions, efficient markets, valuation theory, capital budgeting, portfolio theory, cost of capital, and international finance.

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Summer 2007:

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For e-mails regarding queries on course material or requests for meetings please use my uga.edu e-mail address. I check this more frequently than WEBCT e-mail. However, you should make a habit of checking WEBCT regularly as I will use the e-mail facility there to send general instructions and comments to the class.

Course Objective:

The field of finance is very broad, covering investments, corporate financial policy, security markets, banking and other intermediaries, the role of government and the international sector, and personal finance. In FINA 3000, we survey several of these key components of the financial system. The goal is for finance majors to have a strong foundation for their major courses, and for non-finance majors, the goal is to develop a set of finance tools that will be useful in future employment and daily life.

Recommended Texts:

Essentials of Corporate Finance, Fifth Edition, by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan, MacGraw-Hill Publishers. ISBN – 13: 978-0-07-321455-9

I strongly advise all students to obtain a copy of this book, so that we can all work from the same text in class. Beware that these same authors are responsible for other books with similar titles (eg. “Fundamentals of Corporate Finance”). Please ensure that you get the book listed above. Surf amazon.com or half.com for cheaper, second-hand versions of the book if you wish.

Other Items:

You will need a capable financial or scientific calculator. Recommended: TI BA II Plus Please note that programmable calculators are not permitted in tests/exams.

Absences: I do not keep track of attendance during the semester, but frequent absences will hurt your chances of good scores on tests and the exam. Furthermore, while I am happy to discuss course content and questions outside of class time, I will not be inclined to repeat entire classes which students have missed.

Exam/Tests – Tests and the final Exams will be closed book but I will provide certain complex equations for reference on the exam. Exams and tests will only be administered at the assigned times, and a missed exam or test will carry a grade of zero unless explicitly excused by a physician or the Dean of students. Truly exceptional circumstances should be discussed with me prior to the exam.

Periodic tests: Three in-class tests will be given during the semester. These tests are scheduled for 16 July, 23 July, 30 July.

Final Examination: The final examination will be on Wednesday 1st August in the same venue and at the same time as regular class.

**The tests are NOT cumulative, but the final exam will be.

Grade Determination: Final grade assignments will depend upon your overall performance and will be determined as objectively as possible based on the following weights.

Semester Tests	30 % weighting on your <i>two best</i> scores out of the three
Final Exam	40 %

Your final grade will be determined solely on your scores in the tests and final exam. Regrettably, no points can be awarded for effort or amount of time spent studying.

The following will be used as a guideline for final grades:

92.0% - 100%	A
90.0% - 91.9%	A-
88.0% - 89.9%	B+
82.0% – 87.9%	B
80.0% - 81.9%	B-
78.0% - 79.9%	C+
72.0% - 77.9%	C
70.0% – 71.9%	C-
68.0% - 69.9%	D+
62.0% - 67.9%	D
60.0% - 61.9%	D-
0.0% – 59.9%	F

Honor code:

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. While I strongly encourage discussion with classmates, all work for grades should be completed individually.

Course Outline:

July:

- 6th: Introduction/Overview (Chapter 1)
Financial Statements (2)
- 9th: Financial Statements (2 and 3)
- 10th: Valuation (4)
Valuation (5)
- 11th: Bond Valuation (6)
Stock Valuation (7)
- 12th: Stock Valuation (7)
- 13th: Capital Budgeting (8)
Review for test 1
- 16th:** **TEST 1**
Capital Budgeting (8)
- 17th: Capital Investment (9)
- 18th: Risk and Return (10)
- 19th: Risk and Return (11)
- 20th: Risk and Return (11)
Review for test 2
- 23rd:** **TEST 2**
Cost of Capital (12)
- 24th: Cost of Capital (12)
- 25th: Capital Structure (13)
- 26th: Selected topics from Chapters 14-18 (to be advised)
- 27th: Selected topics from Chapters 14-18 (to be advised)
Review for test 3
- 30th:** **TEST 3**
Selected topics from Chapters 14-18 (to be advised)
- 31st: Selected topics from Chapters 14-18 (to be advised)
Wrap up/Review

August:

- 1st: *FINAL EXAM 1:00 – 3:15 pm.*