

FINA 3000: Financial Management
Spring 2009 Syllabus
MWF 9:05-9:55; Brooks 145
MWF 10:10-11:00; Brooks 145

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Required Materials:

- *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, by Berk, DeMarzo, and Harford, Prentice Hall Publishing, 2009. There are several ways you can purchase the text: (1) Full version, (2) Student Value Edition, or (3) electronic version.
- Access to *myfinancelab* from Prentice Hall
- A financial or programmable calculator is required for the course.

Course Objectives:

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.

Course Grading Policies:

The course grade will be determined by in class tests, homework and quizzes on myfinancelab, and a final exam. The final grade will be assigned using the following point scales:

<u>OPTION I</u>		<u>OPTION II</u>	
Tests (4 worth 100 points each)	400 points	Tests (Best 3 of 4, 100 points each)	300 points
Myfinancelab HW (10 out of 11)	100 points	Myfinancelab HW (10 out of 11)	100 points
Myfinancelab quizzes (10 worth 10 points each)	100 points	Myfinancelab quizzes (10 worth 10 points each)	100 points
Final Exam	<u>100 points</u>	Final Exam (double weight)	<u>200 points</u>
	700 points		700 points
Points Required for Each Grade			
A	651 points	C+	539 points
A-	627 points	C	511 points
B+	609 points	C-	487 points
B	581 points	D	417 points
B-	557 points		

TESTS AND FINAL:

Each in-class test and the final will be a multiple choice test. Though tests will not be cumulative in nature, an understanding of the main topics of the previous sections will typically be critical to understanding the current material. Under OPTION 1, each of the four in class tests is worth 100 points with no drops allowed. The final exam is cumulative and weighted the same as each test. Under OPTION 2, each test is worth 100 points and the top 3 scores count toward the final grade. The final exam is cumulative and counts as two test grades or 200 points. Your grade will be your higher score under the two options. The grade cutoffs may be lowered to curve overall grades. The cutoffs for each grade will NOT increase.

Students absent from any test will receive a score of zero for that particular test. **THERE ARE NO MAKEUP TESTS FOR ANY REASON.** The weight from any missed test will be transferred to the final exam. If you miss one test, you will be graded under OPTION 2. If you miss more than one test, I will put additional weight on your final exam provided **BOTH** absences are due to serious illness, a family emergency, or a university sponsored event. (You must provide me a formal note **and** a phone call from a physician or other relevant person.)

MY FINANCE LAB

200 points out of the total 700 will come from assignments or quizzes on the myfinancelab website. Using the directions at the end of the syllabus, you must enroll in our course site. Almost each week, there will be a homework set to complete that follows course material. The software will help you identify your weaknesses and help you solve problems correctly. The goal is to allow you to improve your knowledge before test day. There will be 11 assignments and you can drop your lowest score.

The second type of assignment on myfinancelab will be a quiz. (see calendar below for dates). The quizzes will follow course material. There will be 10 quizzes worth 10 points each.

MYFINANCELAB DELIVERABLES:

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1/19	HW #1	1/21	QUIZ #1
1/26	HW #2	1/26	QUIZ#2
2/2	HW #3	2/2	QUIZ #3
2/13	HW #4	2/9	QUIZ #4
2/20	HW #5	2/16	QUIZ #5
3/2	HW #6	2/23	QUIZ #6
3/9	HW #7	3/4	QUIZ #7
3/20	HW #8	3/23	QUIZ #8
4/3	HW #9	4/6	QUIZ #9
4/10	HW #10	4/13	QUIZ #10
4/17	HW #11		

Attendance:

Attendance is not required for FINA 3000. However, you are responsible for all material covered in class, and all changes that are made in course content during class.

Withdrawal Policy:

Prior to final drop day, students who withdraw will receive one of two grades: WP (withdrew passing) or WF (withdrew failing). In determining the grade, I will drop your lowest test score *provided you take BOTH tests*. Your withdrawal grade will be based on all possible points at the time of your withdrawal (homework and quiz grades will be considered).

Honor Code:

All students are expected to abide by the University Honor Code as found in *A Culture of Honesty*, that includes the following statement:

The University of Georgia seeks to promote and ensure academic honesty and personal integrity among students and other members of the University community. A policy on academic honesty (and procedural guidelines for adjudication of alleged violations of academic honesty) has been developed to serve these goals. Academic honesty means performing all academic work without plagiarizing, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, receiving assistance from any other person or using any source of information that is not common knowledge (unless that assistance or use is authorized by the person responsible for supervising that academic work or fairly attributed to the source of assistance or information).

ANY violation will be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Things to Remember:

- This is a difficult class. The material builds on previous material, so it is important to NOT get behind.
- Working the assigned homework problems is the best step you can take to make a good grade in the course.
- Be able to understand HOW and WHY you get a result for a particular problem. No two finance problems are alike....
- Read the textbook ahead of class.
- Take advantage of professor office hours.
- You may have to work harder and longer than your classmates to master the material.

Tentative Course Outline:

Date	Day	Topic/Chapter	Reading for Next Class
1/9	F	Introduction and Syllabus	Ch. 1
1/12	M	Guiding Principles of Finance	Ch. 2
1/14	W	Basics of Financial Statements	Ch. 2
1/16	F	Financial Ratio Analysis and Enterprise Value	Ch. 3
1/19	M	King Holiday	
1/21	W	Basics of Time Value of Money	Ch. 4 86-100 Ch. 5 132-139
1/23	F	Multiple Periods, Cashflow Streams, & APR	Ch. 4 100-121
1/26	M	Annuities	
1/28	W	Advanced Time Value of Money Problems	
1/30	F	Advanced Time Value Problems II	
2/2	M	Advanced Time Value Problems III and Review	
2/4	W	TEST I	Ch. 6 162-173
2/6	F	Valuing Bonds	Ch. 6 173-188 Ch. 5 139-154
2/9	M	Bond Yields and Interest Rate Determinants	Ch. 9 282-297
2/11	W	Stock Valuation	
2/13	F	Stock Valuation Part II	Ch. 7 204-232
2/16	M	Investment Decision Rules, Part I	
2/18	W	Investment Decision Rules, Part II	
2/20	F	Personal Finance	
2/23	M	Review Problems for Test 2	
2/25	W	TEST II	Ch. 9 298-309
2/27	F	Estimating Free Cash Flow from Financial Statements	Ch. 8 242-262
3/2	M	Fundamentals of Capital Budgeting, Part I	
3/4	W	Fundamentals of Capital Budgeting, Part II	
3/6	F	Fundamentals of Capital Budgeting, Part III	
3/9	M	SPRING BREAK	
3/16	M	Cash Flow Problem Day	Ch. 9 262-268
3/18	W	Cash Flow Problem Day, Part II	
3/20	F	Evaluating Project Uncertainty	
3/23	M	Topic TBA	
3/25	W	Problem and Review Day for Test III	
3/27	F	TEST III	Ch. 10 332-350
3/30	M	Measuring Risk and Return	Ch. 10 350-358 Ch. 11 362-374
4/1	W	Risk and Return in Capital Markets, Part I	
4/3	F	Risk and Return in Capital Markets, Part II	Ch. 11 374-390
4/6	M	Pricing Risk and the CAPM Model	
4/8	W	Risk and Return Problem Day	Ch. 12 400-418
4/10	F	Components of the Cost of Capital	
4/13	M	Estimating the Cost of Capital	
4/15	W	Estimating the Cost of Capital Part II	
4/17	F	Problem and Review Day for Test IV	
4/20	M	TEST IV	Ch. 15
4/22	W	Ch. 15 Capital Structure	Ch. 22
4/24	F	Ch. 22 International Corporate Finance	
4/27	M	Review for Final Exam I	
4/29	W	Review for Final Exam II	
5/1	F	EARLY FINAL OPTION	
5/6	W	FINAL EXAM (9:05 section) at 8 am	
5/8	F	FINAL EXAM (10:10 section) at 8 am	

MyFinanceLab Student Registration

Dear Student:

Your instructor is requiring or recommending MyFinanceLab, an online companion to your textbook, for this course. To access MyFinanceLab, you will need to complete a one-time registration process, after which you'll be able to access the site for the rest of the semester.

If you purchased a new textbook, it may have come with a Student Access Kit that contains a code you can use to register. If you do not have a Student Access Kit, you can purchase access online with a major credit card.

To register for your instructor's course, you will need to have the following information on hand:

- ✓ The author and title of your textbook
- ✓ Your MyFinanceLab Student Access Kit if you have one
- ✓ Your school's Zip code
- ✓ A valid email address where you can receive your registration confirmation

To register:

- Go to www.myfinancelab.com/, click on "Register," and follow the simple online instructions—you'll either "Register with an Access Code" using your Student Access Kit or "Purchase Access" with a major credit card.
- After you have registered, you will be ready to log in to MyFinanceLab.

To log in and begin using MyFinanceLab:

- Go to www.myfinancelab.com and enter the login name and password you created during registration.
- The first time you log in to MyFinanceLab, you will have the option of enrolling in your instructor's course or studying on your own. If your instructor has set up a course, select "Enroll in my instructor's course" and choose your school, instructor, and course name from the drop-down menus. If your instructor has not set up a course, select "Choose a textbook to study in" and choose your book from the drop-down menu.

System requirements: (For Gitman 12e, Gitman Brief 5e, and Keown 6e)

- Operating systems: Windows 2000, XP or Vista. Mac OSX
- Browsers: Internet Explorer 6.0 or later, FireFox, Safari

System requirements: (for all other titles)

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- Browsers: Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

For help with registration:

Web site: <http://247.support.pearsoned.com/>

Telephone:

1-800-677-6337

Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Sunday 5 p.m. –midnight ET