

**SYLLABUS Fall 2009**  
**Financial Management (FINA 3000)**

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**Master Syllabus Elements:**

**a) FINA 3000-- Financial Management**

**b) Course Description**

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

**c) Prerequisites**

ACCT 2101 "Principles of Accounting I" and either MIST 2090 "Introduction to Information Systems in Business" or CSCI 1100-1100L "Introduction to Personal Computing"

**d) Course objectives or expected learning outcomes**

The course covers 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, and the cost of capital.

**e) Topical outline**

Valuation and capital budgeting

Risk and return and efficient markets

Cost of capital

**f) University Honor Code and Academic Honesty Policy**

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**g) *The course policy is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.***

## **Class Syllabus Elements:**

### **h) Principal course assignments**

The pace of the course is fast and the material is challenging, so it is important that you keep up. Most students find that working through problems is the best way to master the material. With that in mind, I assign quizzes and recommend various problems/analyses throughout the course. Work through as much as you can: the more you do, the more you will get out of the course. In addition, I recommend that you read through the relevant material and attempt the related problems/analyses *before* coming to class - i.e., attend classes prepared and *do not fall behind*.

### **Tentative Outline of Topics and Assignments**

Chapter 1: Introduction

Suggested problems: None

Chapter 5: Time Value of Money

Suggested problems: problems 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19

Chapter 6: Discounted Cash Flow Valuation

Suggested problems: problems 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 17, 21, 32, 34, 35, 38, 40, 42, 50, 54, 22, 45, 51, 64

Chapter 7: Bond Valuation

Suggested problems: problems 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 28

Chapter 8: Stock Valuation

Suggested problems: problems 3, 4, 5, 10, 13

Review and Exam One

Chapter 9: Investment Criteria

Suggested problems: problems 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 25, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 26

Chapter 10: Making Capital Decisions

Suggested problems: problems 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 19

Chapter 12: Capital Market History

Suggested problems: problems 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16

Review and Exam Two

Chapter 13: Risk & Return

Suggested problems: problems 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27

Chapter 15: Cost of Capital

Suggested problems: problems 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26

Chapter 17: Capital Structure

Suggested problems: problems 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20

Review and Exam Three

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**i) Specific course requirements for grading purposes**

**Course Grading Policy**

The course grade will be determined by the problem sets, quizzes and three examinations assigned the following weights:

Quizzes 5%

Midterm One 30% All sections, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>, in class

Midterm Two 30% All sections, Oct. 23<sup>th</sup>, in class.

Midterm Three 35% All sections, Dec 8 in class

All exams are held in your lecture rooms.

Exams will be closed book. I will provide you with a formula sheet covering the basic equations we have used. You may use a financial calculator – no programmable calculators allowed. Please note that the in-class quiz help to check class attendance. It is 5% of 100 points of the course grade.

All requests for review of graded work must be made promptly (within one week of the return of the work) and must be in writing. The request should include clear analysis of why you are requesting a re-grade.

The full exam will be re-graded with the possibility that your score will be lowered on the question under review or any other question on the exam.

**j) Grading policy**

The final grade will be based on the total points earned on the material listed above, weighted as indicated.

All students will be ranked by points earned and the final letter grade will be based on that ranking

**k) Attendance**

Attendance is strongly recommended for FINA 3000. Students are responsible for all material covered in class, and all changes that are made in course content during class. Students are expected to read the selected chapters *before* lecture.

**l) Required Course materials**

Textbook: Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan, *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, ninth Edition

Texas Instruments BA II Plus (Standard or Professional models) financial calculator. Programmable calculators are not allowed.

**m) Policy for make-up of examinations**

There are **no make-ups** ever. Additional weight will be put on the other two exams, if you miss a midterm due to the followings:

- (1) a serious illness with written documentation from a physician
- (2) a University of Georgia sanctioned varsity athletic event for which I had prior knowledge
- (3) a sudden death in the family that may prevent you from attending an exam

If you expect to miss an exam for an approved reason, let me know as soon as possible prior to the exam.

You must provide me with a formal written note regarding the situation – preferably before the exam –

plus a phone call or note from a physician or other relevant person within one week following the missed exam.

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**Communication and Website**

Students are welcome to stop by my office during office hours or by appointment. I also respond to e-mail questions as quickly as possible. We have an eLC website for the course. The website will include the powerpoint slides that accompany the lectures, important notices, answers to problems discussed in class, and identification of materials of interest to the class. You are responsible for all information announced in class or posted on the website, including changes to the course syllabus and schedule.