

The University of Texas at Tyler
College of Business and Technology
Spring 2025

Course Title: Managerial Finance

Course Number and Section: FINA 4340-001

Scheduled Class Days and Times: TuTh 9:30AM - 10:50AM @ SCOB 121

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Course Objectives:

The objective of this course is to provide the student with the basic analytical tools necessary to make value-enhancing financial decisions. Topics covered in the course include the analysis of financial statements, valuation of financial assets, estimation of cost of capital, capital budgeting decisions, capital structure decisions, and mergers and acquisitions.

Course requirements:

Students are expected to follow the lectures closely. Reviewing the end-of-chapter questions in addition to completing their assignments is strongly recommended.

Required Text:

- The required textbook is Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Author: Arthur Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan, **13th edition**.
- Students must have access to **McGraw Hill Connect**, which contains easy access to ample exercise, step-by-step tutorials, sample tests, and valuable feedback for you to be successful in this course.
 - **Connect comes with temporary access of 14 days**. You will need to upgrade to full access **before the end of** the trial period. To register, log into your course home page on UT Tyler Canvas, then click on the link “M-H Connect” on the left navigation bar.
 - **The Ebook comes with Connect, but you will lose access to the text at the end of the course.**
- **Ebook+ Connect is \$105 at our bookstore.**

Recommended Text and References:

- Using either a financial calculator or Excel to solve the time value of money related questions (e.g., security valuation and capital budgeting) is much easier than using formulas. The calculator used to solve class examples is **Texas Instruments BA II Plus**. You are welcome to use another type/brand financial calculator; however, it is your responsibility to figure out how to solve problems using it.
- For all in-person exams, you will not be able to have access to Excel. Excel cannot be used for assignments.
- Bloomberg/Business Week, The Wall Street Journal, Yahoo Finance, Financial Times

Course Topic outline

This schedule is subject to changes by the instructor. Course materials may be rescheduled, added, or removed to achieve overall learning efficiency.

BEG. DATE	MATERIALS
Week 1: 01/13/25	Syllabus & Chapter 3: Working with financial statements
Week 2: 01/20/25	Chapter 7: Interest rates and bond valuation Quiz 1 (Chapter 7)
Week 3: 01/27/25	Chapter 8: Stock valuation
01/27/24: Census date	
Week 4: 02/03/25	Exam 1 (Chapters 3, 7 & 8)
Week 5: 02/10/25	Chapter 14: Cost of capital Quiz 2 (Chapter 14)
Week 6: 02/17/25	Chapter 9: Net present value and other investment criteria
Week 7: 02/24/25	Chapter 10: Making capital investment decisions
Week 8: 03/03/25	Chapter 10: Making capital investment decisions - continued
Week 9: 03/10/25	Exam 2 (Chapters 9, 10 & 14)
Week 10: 03/17/25	Spring Break
Week 11: 03/24/25	Chapter 11: Project analysis and valuation
Week 12: 03/31/25	Chapter 11: Project analysis and valuation-continued Chapter 16: Financial leverage and capital structure policy
Week 13: 04/07/25	Chapter 16: Financial leverage and capital structure policy-continued Quiz 3 (Chapter 16)
Week 14: 04/14/25	Chapter 26: mergers and acquisitions
Week 15: 04/21/25	Project
Week 16: 04/28/25	Exam 3 (Chapters 11, 16 & 26)

Exam:

Three exams will be given throughout the semester; each exam is non-cumulative. Preparing yourself with a formula sheet may be beneficial. A financial calculator is allowed.

Homework:

Homework assignments are assigned through *McGraw Hill Connect*. Homework assignments all have **unlimited time and attempts**. You will have one assignment for each chapter. ***No late submission will be allowed except for documented emergencies.***

Quiz:

Three quizzes will be assigned through McGraw Hill Connect. All quizzes have two attempts with 90 minute time limit. ***No late submission will be allowed except for documented emergencies. No make-up quiz is allowed.***

Project:

One project will be given in the middle of the semester and will be due the week before the final week.

Make-Up Policy:

If you must miss an exam, you must contact me in person before the exam. Evidence for the unavoidable absence is required. Failure to do so may result in a zero for that exam. Make-up exams, if allowed, may be taken before the absence and no later than the next scheduled class period.

Evaluation

A student's grade for the class will be based on performance in exams, assignments, and class participation. Below is the grading scale with the corresponding weights for each component:

1. Exam 1	100 pts.
2. Exam 2	100 pts.
3. Exam 3	100 pts.
4. Homework	140 pts.
5. Quizzes	30 pts.
6. Project	30 pts.
7. Class participation	30 pts.
TOTAL	530 pts.

The grade scale is as following:

$\geq 90\%$:	A
$\leq 80\% < 90\%$:	B
$\leq 70\% < 80\%$:	C
$\leq 60\% < 70\%$:	D

To find your final letter grade, use the total points earned/total points available(530) to get the percentage, then match it with the above scale.

The percentage of the grade on Canvas may not be accurate if you have missed any assignments during the semester because the percentage is calculated based only on the completed assignments.

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the About This Course section of the UT Tyler Syllabus Module for specific information on appropriate use of AI in your course(s).

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