



FINM301

Corporate Finance

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course studies the theory of financial analysis, introducing both its theory and applications. The essence of this course is financial planning concepts in the area of investment to solve practical business problems.

COURSE FORMAT

48 lecture hours;
 9 tutorial hours;
 9 office contact hours;
 1 3-hour Q-A review session;
 1 3-hour final exam.
 The total Contact Hour of this class is 72 hours.
 Credits: 4

EVALUATION

- Participation and Homework 10%
- Quizzes 20%
- Paper 20%
- Presentation 20%
- Final Exam 30%

A	90% and above
B	80% and above but 90% below
C	70% and above but 80% below
D	60% and above but 70% below
F	Below 60%

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Office Hours: 3 hours each week

To be determined by instructor,

Last updated in 2019

REFERENCE TEXT

Principles of Corporate Finance 12th Ed. by Brealey, R., S. Myers and F. Allen

COURSE GOALS

Upon successful completion of this course, students will

- Understand the core concepts, models and methods of corporate finance
- Recognize the limit of financial theory
- Form a basic analytical framework for understanding how the various strategies for transforming variable inputs into more highly valued outputs

ASSIGNMENTS

Homework will be assigned each week and will be collected on the first day of the week. Students will receive the graded homework during the week and can submit one correction with the next homework assignment.

PREPARATION BEFORE CLASS

Students are expected to have a glance on the topic in the textbook to understand the agenda of the course. Students should also review the last lecture and ask any unsolved question in the beginning of class.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for this class is mandatory and graded. Participation includes the following: regular attendance, timely arrival, and participation in in-class problem-solving. Regular attendance is critical to learning the class material and will be therefore a part of your overall grade. Absences and tardiness may lower your grade.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All students are expected to only submit their original work. Students with evidence of cheating will fail the course and will be reported to the administration office.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR EXAMS

Southwestern University of Finance and Economics intends to assist students with special needs. Students with documented disabilities or serious illness will be accommodated after prior arrangement.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1	Class 1	Introduction to Corporate Finance
	Class 2	Time Value of Money
	Class 3	Bond Valuation

	Class 4	The Value of Common Stocks
	Class 5	Net Present Value Other Investment Criteria
	Class 6	Making Investment Decisions with the NPV Rule
Week 2	Class 7	Risk and Return
	Class 8	Portfolio Theory & The Capital Asset Pricing Model
	Class 9	Investment, Strategy, and Economic Rents
	Class 10	Agency Problems, Compensation, and Performance Measurement
	Class 11	Efficient Markets and Behavioral Finance
Week 3	Class 12	Valuing Options & Real Options
	Class 13	Different Kinds of Debt
	Class 14	Managing International Risks
	Class 15	Financial Analysis & Planning
	Class 16	Capital Management
	Class 17	Final Exam