



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

College of Business

Department of Accounting & Finance

FINC 5331-601: Managerial Finance

Spring Semester 2024

Course Web Site: <http://tamusa.blackboard.com/>

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SEMESTER DURATION: Spring 2024 16-week session
01/16//2024 - 05/07/2024

CLASS MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Online Asynchronous

OFFICE HOURS: T R 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An advanced study of the theoretical framework of corporate financial management. Combines theory and case analysis to integrate principles with practice. Emphasis on the relevant theory and the application of theory to managerial problems. Applies concepts of corporate finance, accounting principles, and quantitative analysis.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The objective of the course is to provide a basic understanding of why companies and financial markets behave the way they do. Focusing on the practical aspects of business, this course will provide guidelines to analyze problems and find solutions by finance professionals.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this course, students will be able to: 1) apply financial ratios to interpret company performance. 2) apply the techniques of financial asset valuation. 3) apply the techniques of capital budgeting, 4) analyze the risk and return relationship. The learner outcomes will be assessed by responses to various quiz/exam questions and by evaluating the assignments.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- **Text:** Stephen Ross, Randolph Westerfield, Jeffrey Jaffe, and Bradford Jordan. Corporate Finance: Core Principles & Applications, 7th edition. 2024. McGraw Hill Higher Education. Custom e-book with Connect and Proctorio ISBN: [9781265797737](https://www.mhhe.com/ross/westerfield/jaffe/jordan/corporate-finance-7e).

- **Blackboard:** Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. Your user ID is the Jaguar ID (aka J Number, e.g., J00001234). Password is the Date of Birth (MMDDYY). You will have lecture notes, solutions to problems, and other supplementary materials in Blackboard. It will also be used for communication, discussions, assignments, and quizzes.
- **McGraw Hill Connect:** In addition to the assignments in Blackboard, you will complete assignments, quizzes, and exams in an online homework management system – McGraw Hill Connect. Please ensure that you have purchased the appropriate code and register in the system ASAP.
- **Spreadsheet software:** Spreadsheet software is required for the course. We will be using Excel in class for problem-solving.
- **TIME:** You are expected to spend 3-6 hours per week on the course.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS: I recommend you to watch Bloomberg TV. I also encourage you to read the Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Business Week, and other business publications.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Every student must fulfill the following course requirements in order to succeed in the course:

- Students should check the Course Calendar, Announcements, and Messages (e-mail) systems in Blackboard on a regular basis.
- Students should keep current with all course assignments, quizzes, and examinations.
- Students should ask questions and communicate with the instructor either online or offline.
- For all classwork, exams, quizzes, etc., if a student is completing it off-campus, then they are responsible for the availability of internet connectivity. Extensions will **not** be granted for lack of availability of internet connections.
- It is the student's responsibility to obtain and be able to use the required materials and software for this class.
- Everyone in class is expected to follow all rules in the student handbook and the rules of common courtesy during lectures and discussions.
- Attendance may be taken by an appropriate method by the instructor.

QUIZZES AND EXAMINATIONS: There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. There will also be quizzes on every chapter covered. The quizzes and exams will consist of conceptual and problem-solving questions. The quiz and exam materials will come from lecture notes, the text, and class discussions. Questions will emphasize understanding and applications of concepts and topics covered in class. Quizzes/exams in this class will be administered using the secure online proctored testing service “Proctorio.” Details regarding “Proctorio” proctored testing administration are posted on Blackboard.

GRADING POLICY: The final course grade will be based on your performance on the assignments, quizzes, and exams using the following weights:

Assignments, Practice, and Applications	200 points
Chapter Quizzes	400 points
Mid-term Exam	200 points
Final Exam	200 points

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows: Above 900 points ⇒ A; 800 – 899 points ⇒ B; 700 – 799 points ⇒ C; 600 – 699 points ⇒ D; Below 600 ⇒ F.

MAKE-UP/LATE POLICY: As a general rule, make-up or late submissions will NOT be offered or accepted for any missed assignments/quizzes/exams. Late submissions or make-ups may be accepted/administered only in extraordinary circumstances, such as an excused official university activity, a severe illness, or a dire emergency. However, you must provide comprehensive documentation either before or within a few days of the missed assignment/quiz/exam.

COURSE DROP POLICY: You may drop the course on or before April 13, 2024, with an automatic grade of W. If you wish to drop the class after that date, you will receive either W (if you have a satisfactory record so far) or F. The last date to drop a course or withdraw from the University is April 20, 2024. If you wish to drop the class, you must submit the necessary paperwork to the proper authority.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students are responsible for the materials covered in class. The course covers a lot of material, and most students find at least some parts of it difficult. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions, participate in discussions and problem-solving, and visit/contact the instructor during office hours in case of questions or concerns. The course is intensive and challenging, and you are expected to master the materials. The structure of the class makes your individual study and preparation extremely important and may vary considerably based on student background and learning styles.

UNIVERSITY E-MAIL POLICY AND COURSE COMMUNICATIONS: All correspondence between professors and students must occur via tamusa e-mail accounts. You must have your Jaguar e-mail account ready and working. If it is not working, contact the helpdesk at 210-784-4357. The instructor will reply to a student's e-mail and voice messages within two business days on weekdays (Monday-Friday).

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY: Texas A&M University-San Antonio students are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education and follow the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Code of Conduct. For more information, please visit the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities website <http://bit.ly/TAMUSAStudentRR>. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, multiple submissions, collusion, lying, and bribery. In cases of academic misconduct, students may be subject not only to grade sanctions in courses but to disciplinary action. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of suspension or expulsion due to violations of academic misconduct, they must initiate their appeal as outlined within the Student Code of Conduct.

SPRING 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE

The provisions and information in this schedule are intended to be informational and not contractual. The instructor reserves the right to amend, alter, change, delete, or modify the provisions of the schedule. Changes to the schedule will be made only under extenuating circumstances. All the changes will be announced via Blackboard/e-mail, and the students are responsible for the announced changes.

Week	Chapter and Topic	Due Dates
01/16/24	Introduction and Syllabus	01/22/24
01/23/24	Chapter 1. Introduction to Corporate Finance	01/29/24
01/30/24	Chapter 4. Discounted Cash Flow Valuation	02/05/24
02/06/24	Chapter 5. Interest Rates and Bond Valuation	02/12/24
02/13/24	Chapter 6. Stock Valuation	02/19/24
02/20/24	Chapter 7. Net Present Value and Other Investment Rules	02/26/24
02/27/24	Chapter 10: Risk and Return: Lessons from Market History	03/04/24
03/05/24	Mid-term Review / Mid-Term Exam	03/10/24
03/11/24	Spring Break – no class	
03/19/24	Chapter 11. Risk and Return: The Capital Asset Pricing Model	03/25/24
03/26/24	Chapter 12. Risk, Cost of Capital, and Valuation	04/01/24
04/02/24	Chapter 13. Efficient Capital Markets and Behavioral Challenges	04/08/24
04/09/24	Chapter 14. Capital Structure: Basic Concepts	04/15/24
04/16/24	Chapter 15. Capital Structure: Limits to the Use of Debt	04/22/24
04/23/24	Chapter 16. Dividends and Other Payouts	04/29/24
04/29/24	Final Exam Review/ Final Exam	05/07/24