



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

## College of Business

Department of Accounting & Finance

FINC 3337-900: Principles of Corporate Finance

Spring Semester 2026

Course Website: <http://tamusa.blackboard.com/>

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**SEMESTER DURATION:** Spring 2026, 16-week session  
01/20/2026 – 05/12/2026.

**CLASS MEETING TIME AND LOCATION:** Thursday, 2:00 – 3:15 pm; BLH 156.

**OFFICE HOURS:** R 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm; R 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
and by appointment.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The objective of the course is to provide a basic understanding of why business entities and financial markets behave as they do. It will focus on three significant aspects of finance: the financial system, corporate finance, and investments. Emphasizing the practical aspects of business operations, this course will offer guidelines for analyzing problems and finding solutions using the techniques, methods, and procedures employed by financial professionals.

**PREREQUISITES:** Completion of the College of Business prerequisites with a grade of C or better. TSI Restriction(s): Reading, Math, and Writing

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Use time value of money techniques for asset valuation.
- Understand features and valuation of stocks, bonds, and other financial assets.
- Apply capital budgeting techniques to evaluate major projects and investments.
- Measure and assess risks and returns for investment decision-making.
- Assess costs of capital and make corporate financing decisions.
- Make decisions about capital structure and payout policies.

## **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

- ❖ **Text:** Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Richard Brealey, Stewart Myers, and Alan Marcus, 11th ed., 2023. McGraw-Hill Higher Education. Custom e-book, ISBN: 9781266491689.
- ❖ **McGraw-Hill Connect:** You will complete assignments, quizzes, and exams in an online homework management system – McGraw-Hill Connect. Instructions on accessing McGraw-Hill Connect will be provided on Blackboard.
- ❖ **Blackboard:** Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. Your user ID is the Jaguar ID, also known as the J Number (e.g., J00001234). Your password is your Date of Birth (MMDDYY). In Blackboard, you will find lecture notes, problem solutions, and other supplementary materials. It will also be used for communication and discussions, and will include links to assignments, quizzes, and exams.
- ❖ **TIME:** You are expected to spend 3-6 hours per week on the course.

**RECOMMENDED MATERIALS:** I recommend watching 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 to succeed in the course:

1. Students should regularly check the Course Calendar, Announcements in Blackboard, and email messages.
2. Students should keep current with all course assignments, quizzes, and examinations.
3. Students should ask questions and communicate with the instructor as needed.
4. For all classwork, exams, quizzes, and other assignments, if a student completes them off campus, they are responsible for ensuring the availability of internet connectivity. Extensions will not be granted due to a lack of internet connection availability.
5. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and use the required materials and software for this class.
6. Everyone in class is expected to follow all the rules in the student handbook and the rules of common courtesy during lectures and discussions.
7. Attendance may be taken by an appropriate method at the instructor's discretion.

**QUIZZES AND EXAMINATIONS:** There will be a mid-term exam and a final exam during the semester. There will also be assignments and quizzes on every chapter covered. The assignments, quizzes, and exams will consist of conceptual and problem-solving questions. The assignment, quizzes, and exam materials will be derived from the textbook, lecture notes, and class lectures. Questions will emphasize understanding and applications of concepts and topics covered in class.

**MAKE-UP/LATE POLICY:** Generally, make-up or late submissions will not be offered or accepted for any missed assignments, quizzes, or exams. Late submissions or make-up work may be received and 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 before or within a few days of the missed assignment, quiz, or exam.

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

Connect assignments	30%
Chapter quizzes	30%
Mid-term and final exams	40%
Class attendance and Blackboard activities	2%

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows:

Above 90% => A; 80 – 89.9 % => B; 70 – 79.9% => C; 60 – 69.9% => D; Below 60% => F.

**COURSE DROP POLICY:** You may drop the course on or before **April 17, 2026**, 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 **May 1, 2026**. If you wish to drop the class, you must submit the necessary paperwork to the proper authority.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:** A vital part of every student's education is staying up to date with the weekly reading assignments and dedicating sufficient time to completing the required assignments and quizzes on schedule. Missed assignments and quizzes tend to lower the quality of a student's work, and frequent misses may result in a failing grade. Students are responsible for the materials covered in class. The course covers substantial materials, and most students find at least some parts challenging. Engagement with the course materials is highly encouraged as it enhances the learning experience. Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions, participate in discussions, solve problems, and schedule appointments to visit or contact the instructor during office hours.

**UNIVERSITY E-MAIL POLICY AND COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:** All correspondence between professors and students must occur via university email accounts to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). You must have your Jaguar e-mail account ready and working. If it's not working, please contact the help desk at 210-784-4357. The instructor will respond to a student's email and voice messages within two business days on weekdays (Monday through 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 at <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 a decision of suspension or expulsion for academic misconduct, they must initiate their appeal as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

## SPRING 2026 CLASS SCHEDULE

The provisions and information in this schedule are intended to be informational and not contractual in nature. The instructor reserves the right to amend, alter, or modify the provisions of the schedule. Changes to the schedule will be made only in the event of extenuating circumstances. All changes will be announced via Blackboard announcements and email; students are responsible for adhering to these changes.

Week	Chapter and Topic	Due Dates
01/22/26	Introduction and Syllabus	01/29/26
01/29/26	Chapter 1. Goals and Governance of the Corporation	02/05/26
02/05/26	Chapter 4: Measuring Corporate Performance	02/12/26
02/12/26	Chapter 5. The Time Value of Money	02/26/26
02/19/26	Chapter 6. Valuing Bonds	03/05/26
02/26/26	Chapter 7. Valuing Stocks	03/19/26
03/05/26	Review	
<b>03/19/26</b>	<b>Mid-Term Exam (Chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7)</b>	<b>03/19/26</b>
03/26/26	Chapter 8. Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria	04/02/26
04/02/26	Chapter 12: Risk, Return, and Capital Budgeting	04/09/26
04/09/26	Chapter 13. WACC and Company Valuation	04/16/26
04/16/26	Chapter 16: Debt Policy	04/23/26
04/23/26	Chapter 17. Payout Policy	04/30/26
04/30/26	Review	
<b>05/07/26</b>	<b>Final Exam (Chapters 8, 12, 13, 16, and 17)</b>	<b>05/07/26</b>

## IMPORTANT DATES: Spring 2026

January 13	Tuition and Fee Payments deadline
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No Classes
January 20	First Day of Class
February 4	Census Date
March 6-23	Midterm grading period
March 9-14	Spring Break
April 3	Study Day – No classes
April 17	Last day to drop with an automatic withdrawal
May 1	Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the university
May 4	Last Day of Classes
May 5	Study Day – No classes
May 6-12	Final Exams
May 19	Commencement

The complete [Academic Calendar](#) is available on the university website.