

BUS 341 SYLLABUS

Linfield College
Spring Term 2008

Financial Management (computer mediated)
3 credit hours

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Course Description:

Elements of financial management analytical techniques for financial decision-making, financial analysis, planning, and control, working capital management, capital budgeting, and capital structure strategies.

Prerequisites:

The prerequisites are BUS 261, ECO 210, MAT 130 and MAT 150.

Course Objectives:

You will learn the basic tools of finance. We will start with how to value distant and uncertain cash flows and move through understanding risk and applying the tools to make investment decisions for a firm and yourself. We will also survey the fundamental drivers of financing policy in a corporation and you will learn how stocks and bonds are valued and how financial markets interact with businesses. Unless you understand finance, you cannot have a thorough understanding of a company's decision-making process. What you learn in this course will help you understand the operations of your future employer (and enable you to be more successful at your job), and help you understand other companies you encounter in your role as competitor, consultant, or investor. We will cover approximately the first 17 chapters of the text.

Instructional Materials (required):

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance
8th edition 2008*

Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan

McGraw-Hill Irwin

ISBN 007353062x

The textbook can be purchased at the bookstore or online at:

www.linfieldbookstore.com

An Aplia account is also required. See instructions for creating an account and accessing our course site. Cost is \$35.00 for the term. You will also need access to a high speed internet connection.

Please be sure to purchase all course materials in a timely manner, you will not be granted an extension on due dates.

*Some students may choose to purchase an older or international version of the required text, or some other less expensive option. The major differences will be the end of chapter problems, and any other updates the authors have made. This should not significantly impact your performance in the course, but may prevent you from having all necessary and up-to-date material, which could impact your grade.

Schedule

Week	begins	ends	Topic
week 1	2/18/2008	2/24/2008	Introduction and Chapter 1
week 2	2/25/2008	3/2/2008	Chapter 2
week 3	3/3/2008	3/9/2008	Chapter 5
week 4	3/10/2008	3/16/2008	Chapter 6
week 5	3/17/2008	3/23/2008	Chapter 7
week 6	3/24/2008	3/30/2008	Chapter 8
week 7	3/31/2008	4/6/2008	Midterm Exam
week 8	4/7/2008	4/13/2008	Chapter 9
week 9	4/14/2008	4/20/2008	Chapter 10
week 10	4/21/2008	4/27/2008	Chapter 12
week 11	4/28/2008	5/4/2008	Chapter 13
week 12	5/5/2008	5/11/2008	Chapter 15
week 13	5/12/2008	5/18/2008	Chapter 16
week 14	5/19/2008	5/25/2008	Chapter 17
Week 15	5/26/2008	Thursday 5/29/2008	Final Exam

Course requirements

For each week's learning module you will be required to read the chapter, review the online instructor notes, and complete a graded problem set on www.aplia.com. Additionally, students will be required to complete an online midterm and final exam which may have time limits. No problem sets or exams will be accepted beyond the due date and time. To be fair to everyone, please do not ask for special consideration. All students are expected to meet the requirements for the course.

Grades

There will be 13 graded Aplia problem sets. I will drop your lowest problem set score. Your best 12 problem sets will account for 30% of your grade. The midterm and final exam will each be worth 35% of your final grade.

Average	Letter grade
94-100%	A
90-93%	A-
87-89%	B+
84-86%	B
80-83%	B-
77-79%	C+
74-76%	C
70-73%	C-
65-69%	D

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Below 65%

D
F

I round anything .5 and up to the higher letter grade. There is no curve or extra credit. You are encouraged to work collaboratively with classmates.

Incompletes

A grade of Incomplete (I) is given only in emergency situations. The student must request an Incomplete in writing and must obtain my permission. All uncompleted work must be completed within the time limits I set. If you simply don't turn in the final assignments or the final exam, your course grade will be calculated with the missed portion counting for 0 points.

Academic honesty

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student found to be engaging in either of these activities at any point in the course will receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or entire course and may be subject to further college sanctions.

Students with disabilities

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations, who have any emergency medical information the instructor should know of, or who need special arrangements in the event of evacuation, should make an appointment with the instructor as early as possible, no later than the first week of the term.