



FIN 301 - Corporate Finance

Basic Information:

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Course Description:

The objective of this subject is to provide an introduction to the fundamental quantitative techniques and underlying concepts and theories in investment, financing and working capital management decisions facing corporations. For students to successfully complete this subject, students are required to be able to compute, interpret and apply a range of quantitative measures in order to assist in making optimal financial decisions as well as understand the fundamental concepts and theories in finance. The main topics covered in this subject include financial mathematics, valuation of financial and productive assets, risk and return, cost of capital, working capital management, capital structure and dividend policy.

Required Course Materials:

Textbook	Edition	Author	Publisher	ISBN-13
Fundamentals of Corporate Finance	2nd	Berk, J, Demarzo, P, Harford, J, Ford, G, Mollica, V & Finch, N	Pearson	978-0132148238

Link to e-book purchase address:
https://www.amazon.com/Fundamentals-Corporate-Finance-Jonathan-Berk/dp/0132148234/ref=sr_1_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1488263097&sr=8-8&keywords=Fundamentals+of+Corporate+Finance

Course Hours:

The course has 15 class sessions in total. Each class session is 160 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday. Each course has a total of 40 class hours. A reading day for students is on 7th Feb, 2018. Final exam will be on 8th Feb, 2018.

Year Level:

The 3rd year.

Prerequisite:

(List if there is any; List "None" if the course has no prerequisite)

None



Course Schedule:

Week	Session	Day	Topic (s)	Chapter(s)	Homework
Week 1	14 Jan, 2018	Sun	Orientation		
	15 Jan, 2018	M	Introduction	Chapter 1 & 3	CH1: P4,6,17 CH3: P3,4,18,19,20
	16 Jan, 2018	T	Time Value of Money: Valuing Cash Flow Streams Interest Rates	Chapter 4	CH4: P6,11,13
	17 Jan, 2018	W	Time Value of Money: Valuing Cash Flow Streams Interest Rates	Chapter 5	CH5: P2,11,14,23,26
	18 Jan, 2018	TH	Bond Valuation	Chapter 6	CH6: RQ2,6 P1,6,9,15,23
Week 2	22 Jan, 2018	M	Share Valuation	Chapter 7	CH7: P4,12,13,14,16,19
	23 Jan, 2018	T	Risk and Return	Chapter 11 & 12	CH11: RQ3,4,12 CH12: P7,12,24,26,28
	24 Jan, 2018	W	Investment Decision Rules	Chapter 8	CH8: RQ5 P9,10(a),17(a),23,24
	25 Jan, 2018	TH	Mid-Session Exam		
Week 3	29 Jan, 2018	M	Fundamentals of Capital Budgeting	Chapter 9	CH9: P8,9,13,16,18,22
	30 Jan, 2018	T	Cost of Capital	Chapter 13	CH13: P6,7,8,10,15,16,21(a), 23
	31 Jan, 2018	W	Working Capital Management	Chapter 19	CH19: RQ2 P1,2,3,6,11,12,13
	1 Feb, 2018	TH	Capital Structure	Chapter 16	CH16: P3(a,b,c),5,12,15,17,1 8,19,21
	2 Feb, 2018	F	Payout Policy	Chapter 17	CH17:RQ6,9 P4,7,10,25
Week4	5 Feb, 2018	M	Revision	Exam Preparation	
	6 Feb, 2018	T	Revision	Exam Preparation	
	7 Feb, 2018	W	Reading Day	Exam Preparation	
	8 Feb, 2018	TH	FINAL EXAM		

Evaluation:

- Class Attendance
- Homework
- Mid-session Exam
- Written Examination



Grading Policies:

Part	Percentage	Points
Attendance	5%	5
Homework	25%	25
Mid-session Exam	30%	30
Exams	40%	40
Course Total	100%	100 Points

Grade Distribution:

Letter Grade	Grade Points
High Distinction	85-100
Distinction	75-84
Credit	65-74
Pass	50-64
Fail	0-49

Academic Integrity

SISU expects honesty from students in presenting all of their academic work. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of scholarly research and writing in all academic work.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, forgery, fabrication or misrepresentation, such as the following:

- claiming the work or thoughts of others as your own
- copying the writing of others into your written work without appropriate attribution
- writing papers for other students or allowing them to submit your work as their own
- buying papers and turning them in as your own
- having someone else write or create all or part of the content of your assignments
- submitting the same paper for more than one study or class without explicit permission from the faculty members

General Principles

SISU is committed to principles of trust, accountability, clear expectations and consequences. It is also committed to redemptive efforts, which are meaningful only in light of these principles. Students will be granted due process and the opportunity for an appeal.

Academic dishonesty offenses generally are subject to incremental disciplinary actions. Some first offenses, however, receive severe penalties, including dismissal from the program.

General Disciplinary

The following is a non-comprehensive list of possible actions apart from dismissal from the program: warning from a professor, program director; a lower or failing grade on an assignment, test or course; suspension or dismissal from the course; suspension or dismissal from the program.

Disciplinary Actions for Specific Offenses

Some academic dishonesty offenses call for specific disciplinary actions. The following have been identified:



Falsification of documents:

Students who falsify or present falsified documents may be dismissed. Prospective students who are discovered to have presented falsified admission documents prior to admission shall be denied admission to the program. Should it be discovered after admission that a student had presented falsified documents for admission, such admission may be annulled and the record of academic achievement removed from the academic record, with appropriate notations. Such annulments or denials may be reviewed after one year.

Dishonesty in course requirements:

Course work (a quiz, assignment, report, mid-term examination, research paper, etc.) in which a student has been dishonest generally will receive zero points towards the grade in fulfillment of a course requirement, and/or the student may receive a failing grade for the course. The professor of the course determines the appropriate consequence.

Final assignment:

When a student cheats in a major or final assignment such as a comprehensive examination or presents plagiarized material in a major or final assignment, that student shall receive an F in that particular subject. Student cheats on more than two exams shall be dismissed from SISU.