

FIN 435 102Z

Financial Management

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Course Description

This course examines advanced topics in financial management of a profit-making firm, including capital budgeting, cost of capital, capital structure, dividend policy and working capital management. This course assumes a good background in the principles of financial management (especially the time-value-of-money) as contained in the prerequisite FIN 301. This course is the capstone course in the finance curriculum and should only be taken the last semester of the senior year since learning outcomes will be assessed in this course. Prerequisite: FIN 301, and FIN 305 or ACCT 305; co-requisite FIN 420.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students are expected to competently:

- Develop knowledge of foundational elements of corporate financial management including firm financial decisions, theories of capital budgeting, financial decision-making, M&A activities, and value creation/destruction.
- Learn the tools firms use to value their financial assets, and how to use those tools to improve financing and investment decisions.
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through completion of projects requiring financial analysis.

Class Format

- Lecture will be integrated with student discussions

- Students will be expected to participate in class
- RESOURCES: Class website: https://www.jufinance.com/fin435_26s; Or search for the class website from the main website www.jufinance.com

Required Texts & Materials

<https://ju.bnccollege.com/course-material/course-finder>

Fundamentals of Financial Management

ISBN: ISBN-13: 978-0357517574

Authors: Brigham and Houston

Publisher: Cengage Learning

Edition: 16th

Grading

COURSE GRADING SCALE

Point Total	Letter Grade	% of Total Course Points
90-100	A	90-100%
89-89.5	A-	89-89.5%
88-88.5	B+	88-88.5%
80-87.5	B	80-87.5%
79-79.5	B-	79-79.5%
78-78.5	C+	78-78.5%
70-77.5	C	70-77.5%
69-69.5	C-	69-69.5%
68-68.5	D+	68-68.5%
60-67.5	D	60-67.5%
59-59.5	D-	59-59.5%
Less than 59	F	Less than 59%

Assessment	Weight
3 exams	55%

8 Case studies	15%
Exit Exam	10%
Term project	10%
Quiz	10%
Total	100%

Attendance Policy

Students are not asked to sign an attendance sheet at the beginning of each class. However, attendance is key and will be checked with the quiz at each class meeting.

To reinforce daily learning and assess comprehension, a short quiz will be administered at the end of each class session. These quizzes cover material discussed during that day's lecture and help you stay current with the course. Missing a quiz may negatively impact your overall grade.

Make-Up Exams/Assignments

Students who miss an assignment or exam for a valid reason must present documentation (from a medical doctor, a coach, a representative from student life, or other university official) to make it up. Students should notify the instructor before the exam to indicate that they will be missing the exam.

Using Electronic Devices

The use of laptop computers, tablets, cell phones, or any other electronic devices during class sessions is allowed only when needed to access course materials or complete an in-class assignment. Otherwise, electronic devices should be put away. Devices may not be used for games, social media, texting, or other non-class activities.

Extra Credit

In addition to the extra credit opportunities listed below on the schedule, the instructor may offer other extra credit opportunities, but students may earn no more than 5 extra credit points.

Schedule of Readings and Assignments (subject to change)

Tuesday	Thursday	Class Information
1/13	1/15	Syllabus
1/20	1/22	Chapter 6-1
1/27	1/29	Chapter 6-2
2/3	2/5	Case study of Chapter 6
2/10	2/12	Chapter 7-1
2/17	2/19	Chapter 7-2
2/24		Case Study of Chapter 7
3/2	2/26	Chapter 8-1
3/9	3/5	Chapter 8-2
3/16 – 3/20		Cancelled due to attending AEF conference
3/23	3/11	Efficient Frontier Term Project -1
3/30	3/25	Efficient Frontier Term Project -2
4/6		<i>First Midterm Exam</i>
4/13	4/1	Chapter 9
4/20	4/8	Case study of Chapter 10, Chapter 11
4/28	4/15	Chapter 10 Case study
		<i>Spring Break</i>
3/23	3/25	Review
3/30		<i>Second Midterm Exam</i>
4/6	4/1	Chapter 12
4/13	4/8	Case study of Chapter 12 (Monte Carlo Analysis)
4/20	4/15	Chapter 19
4/28	4/22	Case study of Chapter 19
		Chapter 15
		Chapter 21
		Review
		<i>Final Exam (11:30–2:00 PM) and Exit Exam</i>

Academic Honesty

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Throughout this course we will be reading and reporting about the work of others. All information that is not original to the student must be appropriately attributed in both presentations and written work. All students are expected to do their own work and give appropriate credit for all sources used in the process of preparing papers, presentations, and homework assignments. Group assignments will be graded based on the product of the work, although some adjustment may be made for participation. If you have a question about whether or not collaboration is allowed, or how to cite a reference, please ask. It is always better to check than to be accused of an unintended violation of the academic honesty policy. Violations of the academic honesty policy will be dealt with in accordance to university policies [Refer to current Academic Catalog “Academic Integrity and Misconduct”].

Course Level Penalties

Course Level Penalties: A first offense may result in a failing grade for the assignment. Second offenses may result in failure in the course. Significantly egregious violations may result in expulsion from the university. When in doubt give credit for all information that did not come directly out of your head!

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