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FINC 300-02-03-04 Business Finance

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BUSINESS FINANCE
FINC 300 M/W/F
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Fall 2014

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WCB MISSION:

We educate students of business, enabling them to contribute to organizations and society, consistent with the Jesuit tradition.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course introduces the basic principles, concepts and analytical tools of financial management with special emphasis on the corporation.

TEXT: Ross, Westerfield and Jordan, Essentials of Corporate Finance, 7th edition, Irwin McGraw-Hill Inc., 2009

PREREQUISITES: ACCT 200

EVALUATION:

			<u>Percent</u>
Exam 1	September 19, 2014	Chapters 1 – 3	15.0%
Exam 2	October 3, 2014	Chapters 4 – 5	15.0%
Exam 3	October 29, 2014	Chapters 6 – 7	20.0%
Exam 4	November 17, 2014	Chapters 8 – 9	20.0%
Exam 5	<i>See Schedule Below</i>	Chapters 10 – 12	20.0%
Quizzes			10.0%

Exams include materials covered in class and assigned readings. Each student is responsible for material covered on any missed days. Grades are assigned according to the following scale:

Range	Grade	Range	Grade
94 – 100%	A	77 – 79%	C+
90 – 93%	A-	74 – 76%	C
87 – 89%	B+	70 – 73%	C-
84 – 86%	B	67 – 69%	D+
80 – 83%	B-	64 – 66%	D
		< 64%	F

All lecture notes are available on Canvas (<https://canvas.xavier.edu>). **Bring your calculator and text to every class to ensure active learning.** You will need a calculator that either has a financial program or y^x and $1/x$ keys.

Using any work that is not your own, giving permission to use your work or using any unauthorized information throughout the semester will result in a failing grade in the course and possible expulsion from Xavier University. All students are expected to adhere to Xavier's Academic Honesty policy as set forth in the catalogue. During exams, students will not be allowed to leave the classroom until the exam is complete.

Quizzes will be given throughout the semester and cannot be made up if missed. Students that miss a quiz will receive a zero; however, the lowest grade will be dropped before calculating the final average.

Week	Date	Topic
1	08/25	Course Outline, Class Introductions
	08/27	Chapter 1 – Introduction to Corporate Finance
	08/29	Chapter 1 – Introduction to Corporate Finance
2	09/01	No Class – Labor Day
	09/03	No Class – Spirit Celebration Mass
	09/05	Chapter 2 – Financial Statements, Taxes and Cash Flows
3	09/08	Chapter 2 – Financial Statements, Taxes and Cash Flows
	09/10	Chapter 2 – Financial Statements, Taxes and Cash Flows
	09/12	Chapter 3 – Working with Financial Statements
4	09/15	Chapter 3 – Working with Financial Statements
	09/17	Chapter 3 – Working with Financial Statements, Exam Review
	09/19	Exam 1: Chapters 1-3
5	09/22	Chapter 4 – Introduction to Valuation: Time Value of Money
	09/24	Chapter 4 – Introduction to Valuation: Time Value of Money
	09/26	Chapter 5 – Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
6	09/29	Chapter 5 – Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
	10/01	Chapter 5 – Discounted Cash Flow Valuation, Exam Review
	10/03	Exam 2: Chapters 4-5
7	10/06	Chapter 6 – Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
	10/08	Chapter 6 – Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
	10/10	No Class – Fall Break
8	10/13	Chapter 6 – Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
	10/15	Chapter 6 – Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
	10/17	Chapter 7 – Stock Valuation
9	10/20	Chapter 7 – Stock Valuation
	10/22	Chapter 7 – Stock Valuation
	10/24	Chapter 7 – Stock Valuation
10	10/27	Exam Review
	10/29	Exam 3: Chapters 6-7
	10/31	Chapter 8 – Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria
11	11/03	Chapter 8 – Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria
	11/05	Chapter 9 – Making Capital Investment Decisions
	11/07	Chapter 9 – Making Capital Investment Decisions
12	11/10	Chapter 9 – Making Capital Investment Decisions
	11/12	Chapter 9 – Making Capital Investment Decisions
	11/14	Chapter 9 – Making Capital Investment Decisions, Exam Review
13	11/17	Exam 4: Chapters 8-9
	11/19	Chapter 10 – Some Lessons from Capital Market History
	11/21	Chapter 10 – Some Lessons from Capital Market History
14	11/24	Chapter 11 – Return, Risk and the Security Market Line
	11/26	No Class – Thanksgiving break
	11/28	No Class – Thanksgiving break
15	12/01	Chapter 11 – Return, Risk and the Security Market Line
	12/03	Chapter 11 – Return, Risk and the Security Market Line
	12/05	Chapter 11 – Return, Risk and the Security Market Line
16	12/08	Chapter 12 – Cost of Capital
	12/10	Chapter 12 – Cost of Capital
	12/12	Final Exam Review
FINAL		Exam 5: Chapters 10-12 FINC 300-02, Wednesday December 17 th 10:00-11:50 a.m. FINC 300-03, Friday December 19 th 10:00-11:50 a.m. FINC 300-04, Wednesday December 17 th 12:00-1:50 p.m.

- Please note there are no make-up exams given. If you are unable to take an exam on the day it is given, you must make an appointment to take it **before** the scheduled date.
- Syllabus is subject to change.
- If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact the instructor and find out what material was covered during the lecture and if any assignments were given out during the class. All assignments must be submitted by the due date to receive credit.
- FINC majors must receive a B- or better in the class to advance in the major.

Learning Goals – Williams College of Business Undergraduate Program

➤ **Critical Thinking**

Learning Goal: WCB graduates will be able to think logically, reason quantitatively, and utilize appropriate analytical techniques and technology when evaluating and making decisions.

Corresponding Objectives:

- (1) WCB students will collect, evaluate and synthesize information to offer solutions and support decision making.
- (2) WCB students will evaluate and articulate implications of business decisions and their impact on organizational stakeholders, both individually and in teams.

➤ **Understanding and Application of Knowledge Across Business Disciplines**

Learning Goal: WCB graduates will be able to evaluate business from an integrative and holistic point of view, leverage the synergies between functional business areas, and demonstrate college-level mastery of their chosen discipline.

Corresponding Objectives:

- (1) WCB students will demonstrate the appropriate knowledge of accounting, economics, finance, management, management information systems, marketing, quantitative business analytics, international issues, and the legal and social environment of business.
- (2) WCB students will demonstrate college-level mastery of the body of knowledge and skills relative to their major. (To be determined at the departmental level.)