

**Principles of Corporate Finance**  
**FIN 210 -03**  
**Course Syllabus**

**Course Description**

This 3.0 credit hour, traditional classroom format course provides an introduction to financial principles that can be utilized across multi-disciplines with the overall goal of maximizing shareholder value in the organization. The concepts of financial statement analysis, forecasting, leverage, working capital management, the time value of money, capital budgeting, security valuation, and capital markets will be addressed through both lectures and active approaches of problem solving and case discussions.

Finance is central to the operation of every organization. This course explores the theoretical aspects of finance. The end goal is to provide students with the tools necessary to conduct accurate financial analysis. For students pursuing a career in finance, the topics provide the foundation for an immersion in the science of finance. Students pursuing non-finance careers will receive an overview of finance issues encountered by managers.

**Course Objectives**

The course is designed to provide students with exposure to each of the following topics in finance as well as show students how they apply in the corporate environment.

- ⇒ The role of the financial manager in the firm – Identify and interpret
- ⇒ Accounting statements and their use in a financial environment – Analyze and use
- ⇒ Time value of money – Compute, use and compare
- ⇒ Risk, Return and Asset Pricing – Compute, deduce, differentiate
- ⇒ Project Analysis – Compare and prioritize
- ⇒ Capital Budgeting – Compute, analyze and decide
- ⇒ Capital Structure – Select, propose and choose
- ⇒ Financial analysis and planning – Compare, analyze and use

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**Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism**

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- Uses another person's ideas, opinions, or theories; or
- Cites facts, statistics, or other illustrative material, unless the information is common knowledge.

*All assignments must be your original work and not the work of other students.* Neither group work nor the individual work of another student may be submitted by you. Submission of such work will be considered academic misconduct. Incidents of academic misconduct, dishonesty and/or plagiarism will be handled as per the Student Handbook

According to the Student Handbook:

**Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct:** The students, faculty, and administrators of the University of Indianapolis commit themselves to the highest level of ethical conduct in academic affairs. The University of Indianapolis, therefore, adopts regulations concerning Academic Misconduct to safeguard the academic integrity of the institution. Academic Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following circumstances: (A) Cheating, (B) Fabrication, (C) Plagiarism, (D) Interference, (E) Violation of Course Rules, (F) Facilitating Academic Dishonesty, and (G) Abuse of Confidentiality. For a full statement of the policy refer to the University of Indianapolis Student Handbook , Section I, Academic Information.

#### **ADA & Disability Accommodation**

The professor will provide accommodation for students qualifying for disability-related needs. The student should contact the Services for Students with Disabilities office (SSD) to begin the process. (see <http://www.uindy.edu/ssd> for more information).

#### **Recording & Copyright Policy**

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#### **Student Handbook**

All students are required to have a complete understanding of the student handbook, especially as it related to student rights and responsibilities. It is up to the student to understand this document.

## Required Materials

Text: Fundamentals of Corporate Finance by Brealey, Myers and Marcus, 9th ed., New York: McGraw Hill, Inc. 2017. (E-Book is available for purchase with CONNECT)

Homework CONNECT Account (MUST SIGN UP FIRST WEEK)

Homework CONNECT links can be found on the course web site

UIndy Email Account Access

Financial Calculator - (HP12c is the only supported calculator). Students majoring in Finance will be required to purchase the HP 12c. The TI BA II plus and HP 10b are acceptable, but are NOT supported by the instructor.

## Course Requirements Grading

40% Final Exam A 90-100%

40% Quizzes B 80-89%

20% Assignments C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 0-59%

Pluses and minuses are assigned at the instructor's discretion, based on participation, preparation, attendance and score within each range.

## Assignments

**All students MUST have a CONNECT account.** Most assignments will be submitted via CONNECT.

CONNECT assignment access will be turned on and turned off on the dates noted online. Students are required to verify the dates and ensure completion of the assignments as listed online. Waivers must be requested via email by the student prior to the assignment due date or they will not be granted. Waivers will be granted at the instructor's discretion.

All other assignments must be submitted in either a single file and sent via email, BEFORE the next class meeting, after the homework is assigned. The file name must be YOUR last name followed by the number of the assignment. (i.e. WILL\_2.DOC), and the subject line MUST start with **FIN210**.

**DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE** information in your papers, as it may be submitted to www.turnitin.com for an originality report. Assignments with more than 20% non-original work, will receive no credit.

## Quizzes

The quizzes are designed to evaluate the student's comprehension of material rather than just memorization. On quizzes, you will be responsible for all of the assigned readings, as well as material covered in class. If you must miss a quiz, you must let me know about this prior to the quiz. It will be solely at the instructor's discretion whether you may take a make-up quiz and under what terms.

## Class Attendance, Preparation & Participation

Class attendance is an important part of the academic process, and you are expected to attend classes regularly and to manage your schedule in order to meet the demands of this course. If you are absent, you will be responsible for arranging makeup work to be completed prior to the absence or immediately upon return to class at the instructor's discretion. As per the student handbook, reasonable documentation or verification of claims regarding absences may be requested.

Class preparation is critical to success in this course. You are expected to:

- (a) read the assigned material prior to arriving to class, as well as
- (b) review the solved problem illustrations in the chapter and
- (c) prepare a list of questions that you have about the topic.
- (d) participate in class discussions

## FIN 210 - Winter 2019

Tentative Schedule (subject to change at the instructor's discretion)

Date	Topic	Reading	Assignment
1/14	Introduction The Financial Manager & Financial Markets	Ch 1 & 2	# 1 - Set up CONNECT account & purchase calculator (1-22)
1/16	Corp. Gov. & Financial Mkts	Ch 14 & 15	
1/18	Accounting	Ch 3	#3 Homework Manager
1/21	Martin Luther King Day	Ch 3	No Class
1/23	Accounting and Finance	Ch 3	
1/25	Financial Statement Analysis	Ch 4	# 4 - Homework Manager
1/28	Financial Statement Analysis	Ch 4	
1/30	Review		
2/1	Quiz		
2/4	Time Value of Money	Ch 5	# 5 - Homework Manager
2/6	Time Value of Money	Ch 5	
2/8	Valuing Bonds	Ch 6	# 6 - Homework Manager
2/11	Valuing Bonds	Ch 6	
2/13	Valuing Stocks	Ch 7	# 7 - Homework Manager
2/15	Valuing Stocks	Ch 7	
2/18	Practice Session		
2/20	Review		
2/22	Quiz		
2/25	Net Present Value & IRR	Ch 8	# 8 - Homework Manager
2/27	Net Present Value & IRR	Ch 8	
3/1	NPV & Project Investment	Ch 9	# 9 - Homework Manager
3/4	NPV & Project Investment	Ch 9	
3/6	Project Analysis	Ch 10	# 10 - Homework Manager
3/8	Project Analysis	Ch 10	
3/11	Spring Break: No Class		
3/13	Spring Break: No Class		
3/15	Spring Break: No Class		
3/18	Risk, Return and COC	Ch 11	# 11 - Homework Manager

3/20	Risk, Return and COC	Ch 11	
3/22	Risk, Return, COC		
3/25	Review		
3/27	Quiz		
2/29	Good Friday		No Class
4/1	Risk & Return	Ch 12	# 12 Homework Manager
4/3	WACC	Ch 13	# 13 - Homework Manager
4/5	WACC	Ch 13	
4/8	Debt Policy	Ch 16	# 14 - Homework Manager
4/10	Debt Policy	Ch 16	
4/12	Payout Policy	Ch 17	
4/15	Long Term Financing	Ch 18	# 15 Homework Manager
4/17	Long Term Financing	Ch 18	
4/19	Good Friday		No Class
4/22	Short Term Financing	Ch 19	# 16 - Homework Manager
4/24	Review		
4/26	Review		
Week of 4/29	FINAL EXAM		