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Course Syllabus

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Course Materials:

Textbooks (Required):

Berk, DeMarzo and Harford, **Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 2nd Edition**, Pearson Prentice Hall.

Here is a link: <http://www.amazon.com/Fundamentals-Corporate-Finance-Jonathan-Berk/dp/0132148234>

You now have several ways to get access to the textbook, some of which might provide cost savings for you. To see your options, see the Textbook Purchase Options file on Carmen (the link is right below the syllabus on Carmen).

Financial calculator (Required):

TI BA-II (any version) or TI-80 series (Model 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 89, etc). Available at the OSU Bookstore, as well as Target, Wal-Mart, on-line, etc. Note: All lectures, modules and solutions will use the TI-BAII. Students who already have a TI-80 Series calculator are not required to purchase a BA-II model, but it will be up to you to learn how to translate BA-II notation into how to solve problems using your calculator.

http://www.amazon.com/Texas-Instruments-Plus-Financial-Calculator/dp/B00000JZKB/ref=pd_sim_b_1

You may use both calculators, if you wish.

Here is a link to some tutorials using the TI BA-II and TI-83:

TI BA-II: http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/ti_ba2

TI-83: <http://educ.jmu.edu/~drakepp/general/calculator/ti83.html>

Course Format:

Your responsibilities for each week will be as follows:

1. Read the chapter(s) in the text beforehand, and watch the video modules listed on Carmen. The reading of the book plus the video modules will give you a first look at the concepts, terms and definitions that will be covered in the chapter.
2. Also before lecture, solve the first few questions from the Recommended Problems list in the syllabus. After reading the chapter and watching the video modules, the first few questions will help you apply what you have learned.
3. Attend the Monday recitation, Prof. Pirim will generally give a brief (5-10 minute) summary of the basics of the chapter, then move into the more difficult material of the chapter and solve some problems. We will be solving problems together through discussion. **Questions are always welcome; please don't hesitate to interrupt at any point!**
4. Work the remaining recommended problems in the chapter and go over in class problems each week.

Solving the problems from the Problems section in the back of each chapter is essential. For each chapter, I have given you a list of suggested problems. These problems are representative of what you might see on an exam but it is not an exhaustive list. If you find the problems difficult or if you want further practice, you should solve some of the other problems from the Problems section.

Attendance is expected and I take attendance every class. If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes from your fellow classmates. After obtaining the notes and reading the material, feel free to ask me questions.

Students With Disabilities:

The Office of Disability Services verifies students with specific disabilities and develops strategies to meet the needs of those students. All students with a specific disability are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services to explore the potential accommodations available to them. Students registered with ODS can take their exams at ODS.

Academic Integrity:

All students enrolled in this course are responsible for abiding by the guidelines outlined in the University's Code of Student Conduct. (You can find the full Code at http://studentlife.osu.edu/pdfs/csc_12-31-07.pdf.)
Code violations will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.

Disenrollment:

Fisher College of Business strongly enforces University attendance policies. As per University rule 3335-8-33, any student may be disenrolled from a course for failure to attend by the first Friday of the term, or by the 3rd instructional day of the term, or by the second class meeting, *whichever occurs first*.

Midterm Exams: There will be three midterm exams. The exams will take place during your class on Monday between 5:30 pm to 6:50pm.

The midterm dates are: September 26th, October 24th, and November 21th

The midterms will be 100 points each. Each midterm will have 20 multiple choice questions worth 5 points each. The multiple choice questions will involve both conceptual questions as well as calculation questions, based on material covered in class, in the video modules and from the problems at the back of each chapter. Your exam will have a formula sheet attached to it; you cannot bring your own.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be 100 points and will also consist of 20 multiple choice questions. The final exam is not cumulative; it will just cover the chapters after the third midterm exam. Your exam will have a formula sheet attached to it; you cannot bring your own.

Exam rules:

You should be in your seat 5 minutes before the exam starts. All electronic devices other than your calculator must be turned off and put away during exams. All other course materials must be out of sight. All hats and hoods must be off your head.

Your exam grades will be posted on Carmen. Exams are not returned to the students.

Course Grading Policy:

Your final course grade will be determined by the following:

Assignment or category	Points	Percentage of total grade
Midterm 1	100 points	25 %
Midterm 2	100 points	25 %
Midterm 3	100 points	25 %
Final Exam	100 points	25 %

See course schedule, below, for due dates

$$\text{Total Course Grade} = 0.25 \times (\text{Final Exam Grade}) + 0.25 \times (\text{Midterm Exam 1 Grade}) + 0.25 \times (\text{Midterm Exam 2 Grade}) + 0.25 \times (\text{Midterm Exam 3 Grade})$$

After the total course grade has been calculated for all students, the average for the class is calculated. If the course class average is below 75%, a curve adjustment is applied. The curve adjustment equals 75% minus the course class average. If the course class average is equal or above 75%, a curve adjustment is not applied (that is curve adjustment is zero).

The course grade will be converted to a letter grade for the course using the following grading scale:

Grading scale:

A	93 – 100	B+	87–89.9	C+	77–79.9	D+	67 –69.9	E	Below 60
A-	90 – 92.9	B	83–86.9	C	73–76.9	D	60 –66.9		
B-	80–82.9	C-	70 –72.9						

Prof. Pirim reserves the right to correct grades recorded on the course website, should she determine such entries were posted incompletely or incorrectly.

Other interesting materials (not required, but good reading):

Books on recent economic events that come recommended include (in no particular order): “Too Big to Fail” by Andrew Ross Sorkin, “The Black Swan” and (older) “Fooled by Randomness” by Nassim Nicholas Taleb, and “This Time is Different” by Carmen Reinhart and Ken Rogoff. Let me know if you have a book to add to this list.

“Liar’s Poker: Rising Through the Wreckage on Wall Street” by Michael Lewis, 1989, ISBN: 0140143459. A bit dated, but still a funny read. The inside story of a guy working in sales and trading for Wall Street’s top firm in the mid-1980’s. Great stories about the firm’s reaction to the 1987 Crash, the pranks traders play on each other, the attitudes, and the story of the Human Piranha.

“Monkey Business: Swinging Through the Wall Street Jungle” by John Rolfe and Peter Troob, 2001, ISBN: 0446676950. An interesting, sometimes funny, sometimes bitter look at what it is like being a junior investment banker at (what was then) a top Wall Street firm.

Websites and Blogs:

TI BA-2 calculator tutorials: http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/ti_ba2

Wall Street Journal: www.wsj.com

Financial Times: <http://www.ft.com/home/us>

Bloomberg: www.bloomberg.com

Yahoo! Finance: <http://finance.yahoo.com/>

Financial calculators: www.dinkytown.net

InTrade: www.intrade.com

Salary.com: <http://www.salary.com/mysalary.asp>

Marginal Revolution: <http://www.marginalrevolution.com/>

Freakonomics: <http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Brad DeLong: <http://delong.typepad.com/>

Greg Mankiw: <http://gregmankiw.blogspot.com/>

Megan McArdle: <http://meganmcardle.theatlantic.com/>

Paul Krugman: <http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Baseline Scenario: <http://baselinescenario.com/>

John Taylor: <http://johnbtaylorsblog.blogspot.com/>

Free Exchange: <http://www.economist.com/blogs/freeexchange/>

Real Time Economics (WSJ): <http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/>

Becker-Posner Blog: <http://www.becker-posner-blog.com/>

Calculated Risk: <http://www.calculatedriskblog.com/>

Economy and Economics of Everyday Life: <http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/>

The Sports Economist: <http://www.thesportseconomist.com/>

Table 1: Class Schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Lecture Notes / Video Modules</i>
Week 1 (August 29 th)	Introduction & Syllabus Chapter 1 Read Chapter 1 In-class lecture notes for Chapter 1	Watch Chapter 1 Video With PowerPoint
Week 2 (Sept 5 th)	Labor Day (No Class on Monday) Chapter 3 Read Chapter 3 Solve Recommended problems: Ch. 3 #3,4,6,10,11,17-21, 23-26	Watch Chapter 3 Video With PowerPoint
Week 3 (Sept 12 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 3 Read Chapter 4 Recommended problems: Ch. 4 #8,9,12,13,15,17,18,20,21,23,25,29,31,32,34,36 ,38,39	Watch Chapter 4 Video With PowerPoint
Week 4 (Sept 19 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 4 Review for Midterm Exam I	
September 26 th	MIDTERM EXAM I In class at 5:30 pm Read Chapter 5 Recommended problems: Ch. 5 #1,4,5,6,8,10,12,14,16,17,18a,19,25,27,30,36	Chapters 1, 3 and 4 Watch Chapter 5 video With PowerPoint
Week 6 (Oct 3 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 5 Read Chapter 6 Recommended problems: Ch. 6 #3,4,6,9,10,12,17,21,23-25,30	Watch Chapter 6 video With PowerPoint
Week 7 (Oct 10 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 6 Read Chapter 7 Recommended problems: Ch. 7 6,7,11,13-15,19,22,25	Watch Chapter 7 video with PowerPoint

Week 8 (Oct 17 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 7 Review for Midterm Exam II	
October 24th	MIDTERM EXAM II In class at 5:30 pm Read Chapter 8 Recommended problems: Ch. 8 #2,7,9,10,13,17,20,21,26,32,34,36	Chapters 5, 6, and 7 Watch Chapter 8 video With PowerPoint
Week 10 (Oct 31 st)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 8 Read Chapter 9 Recommended problems: Ch. 9 #4,5,9,11,13,18,20,22,28,31-33	Watch Chapter 9 video With PowerPoint
Week 11 (Nov 7 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 9 Read Chapter 10 Recommended problems: Ch. 10 #1,2,4,5,6,11,15,17,20,23	Watch Chapter 10 video with PowerPoint
Week 12 (Nov 14 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 10 Review for Midterm Exam III	
November 21st	MIDTERM EXAM III In class at 5:30 pm Read Chapter 11 Recommended problems: Ch. 11 1,5,7,11,12,18,22	Chapters 8, 9 and 10 Watch Chapter 11 video with PowerPoint
Week 14 (Nov 28 th)	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 11 Read Chapter 12 Recommended problems: Ch. 12 1,3,5,14,17,20,22,25,27,29,31,33,34	Watch Chapter 12 video with PowerPoint
Week 15 (Dec 5 th) Last day of class	In-class lecture notes for Chapter 12 Review for Final Exam	
December 12th	FINAL EXAMINATION In class at 5:30 pm	Chapters 11 and 12

GOOD LUCK!