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Course Materials:

Textbooks (Required):

Berk, DeMarzo and Harford, Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 3rd Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall. Here is a link. (There are several different formats; this is just one example):

MyFinanceLab is an option for this course. It is not required, but many students find it helpful as a resource to work additional problems. To purchase MFL, you must go to the front page of the course website below the News Items and access the course from there. You will also be able to purchase an e-text or a binder ready version of the text once you purchase MFL. Access to MFL is through Carmen. You do not need to sign on to the Pearson website. The course is clark25849.

Using the second edition of the textbook is fine. There is a file under the “Syllabus” tab on the Content page that matches the recommended problems between the two editions.

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-BAlII. 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:
The finance department has decided to implement a hybrid version of BUSFIN3220. This will bear some similarities to your hybrid courses in Accounting, but not entirely. 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 Tuesday lecture. Prof. Wellman 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. Questions are always welcome; please don’t hesitate to interrupt at any point! Lecture notes will be on Carmen at least 24 hours in advance of class.
4. Attend your recitation (Wednesday, Friday or Monday, depending on which one you are registered for.). We will be working on problem-solving in a smaller class setting that will allow for more discussion.
5. Work the remaining recommended problems in the chapter, the recitation problems and the online problem set, if one is due that week.

Solving the problems from the Problems section in the back of each chapter is essential. For each chapter, we have given you a list of suggested problems. These problems are representative of what you might see on an exam or quiz, 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. For your convenience, the solutions manual is posted on Carmen.

Regular class attendance is expected, but we do not take attendance after the first week. If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes from the website or from your fellow classmates. After obtaining the notes and reading the material, feel free to ask us 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 two midterm exams. The exams will take place during your Tuesday lecture. The midterm dates are:

- **Tuesday, February 16th and Tuesday, April 5th**
  - 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 Chapters 10-13. 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, but you may view your scantron during office hours.

On-Line Problem Sets:
There will be 6 20-point online problem sets. Your best 5 scores from the problem sets will be applied to your grade. Due dates are listed on the Class Calendar page. All the problem sets are due at 11:59pm on the due date. The problem sets will be posted on Carmen. *Late assignments will be not be accepted by Carmen.*

Problem Set due dates/times:
PS1: Ch. 3-4, due 11:59pm Friday, Feb. 5th
PS2: Ch. 5, due 11:59pm Friday, Feb. 12th
PS3: Ch. 6-7, due 11:59pm Friday, March 11th
PS4: Ch. 8-9, due 11:59pm Friday, April 1st
PS5: Ch. 10-11, due 11:59pm Friday, April 22nd
PS6: Ch. 12-13, due 11:59pm Tuesday, April 26th

When you submit your problem set on Carmen, you will get your score immediately. *After* the deadline passes, you will be able to view a report on Carmen showing which questions you answered incorrectly and what the correct answers to those problems were. Those are the only problems you will be able to view.

Grading (400 total points available):
Midterm 1: 100 points
Midterm 2: 100 points
Final Exam: 100 points
Problem Sets: 100 points (best 5 at 20 points/each)

The grade scale is curved so that the class average will be 80% (B-minus). We discuss the curve after each exam, so you will be able to calculate your current percentage and compare it to the scale below to see exactly where you stand. The grade scale is as follows (in percent):
92.5-100 A
88.5-92.49 A-
85.5-88.49 B+
82.5-85.49 B
79.5-82.49 B-
76.5-79.49 C+
72.5-76.49 C
69.5-72.49 C-
65.5-69.49 D+
59.5-65.49 D
59.49 or below E
**Tutoring Lab:**
The tutor lab is located in 40 Fisher. The tutors will be available to answer questions, help you solve problems and understand concepts. They are NOT allowed to help you with problem set questions until after the deadline for that problem set. Tutor hours will begin on Tuesday, January 19th and run until Monday, April 25th.

**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.


“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.


“When Genius Failed: The Rise and Fall of Long-Term Capital Management” by Roger Lowenstein, 2001, ISBN: 0375758259. The story of how the best minds of finance—including Nobel laureates Robert Merton and Myron Scholes (lauded in Capital Ideas), along with John Meriwether from Liar’s Poker—began a hedge fund that could not possibly fail, until it did. A very valuable story about how even the absolute greatest minds can be brought to their knees by the market. After reading how these titans of finance were humbled, it is much less of a surprise when we hear how “ordinary” Wall Street CEOs bankrupted their companies in 2008.

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**FINAL EXAM:**
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

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://www.bloombergview.com/contributors/megan-mcardle
John Taylor: http://johntaylorsblog.blogspot.com/
Real Time Economics (WSJ): http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/
Calculated Risk: http://www.calculatedriskblog.com/