

FINA 4310.001
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Online Section

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Office Hrs:
By appointment, using Zoom.

Course Title: Valuation and Financial Decisions

Required Text: Corporate Financial Management by Emery, Finnerty and Stowe (fifth edition).

Course Prerequisites:

FINA 3770 with a “C” or better.

Course Objectives

The central objective of the course is to understand the valuation concepts that underlie financial decision making by corporate management. Sub-objectives include understanding the pricing of risk for the purpose of valuing the firm’s assets, understanding how dividend and capital structure decisions may add value to the assets of the firm, and understanding how options help in the valuation of the firm’s assets.

Access to Class

You can access the course material in Canvas at <https://unt.instructure.com/login/canvas>. After you login in using your EUID and password, click on FINA 5310 from the list of courses. If you run into technical problems while using Canvas then please call 940 565 2324 or email vista@unt.edu.

Online Course Structure

All the handouts for notes and homework solutions are already on Canvas, as are the videotaped lectures. The suggested study dates are just that, just a suggestion. The Maymester goes by very fast. So, keep up. The exam dates are firm.

Each study module is comprised of videotaped lectures, PDF (Adobe Acrobat) notes and PDF solutions to homework problems. You will also be referred to the relevant pages in the text.

Discussion Forum Policy

Discussion forums will be opened on each chapter as we go along. These will stay open until the end of the term. Each discussion forum will be limited to a particular chapter. You may post questions and comments. I will try to answer specific questions that you ask me.

You may also send me messages and ask questions either through Canvas or by email to mazhar.siddiqi@unt.edu.

Office Hours via Zoom

I will have office hours, by appointment, via Zoom meetings. Once you let me know, via email, that you want a meeting. I will work with you to set up a time that works for both of us. I will then send you an invite with the meeting ID and you can join at the scheduled time. These meetings will be one-on-one.

Eagle Connect Account

All students should activate and regularly check their EagleConnect (e-mail) account. You may obtain information about Eagle Connect at <https://eagleconnect.unt.edu/>.

Homework

Homework consists of problems from the text and elsewhere. I do not grade homework. However your success on the exams, without doubt, depends on your ability to do homework problems.

Exams

There are two exams. Each exam is worth 50% of your grade. The final exam is **not** comprehensive. Please make your travel arrangements carefully as all exams are allowed on only the scheduled exam dates.

Grades

Letter grades are assigned as follows:

A is 90% - 100%, B is 80% - 89%, C is 70% - 79%, D is 60% - 69%, and F is 59% or below.

Course grades are posted on the internet and mailed by the university.

Notice for Students with Disabilities

The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at <http://www.unt.edu/oda/apply/index.html>. Also, you may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation in the University Union (room 321) or call them at (940) 565-4323.

If you need an accommodation, please contact me as soon as possible but at the latest by the second week of class.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is defined in the UNT Policy on Student Standards for Academic Integrity. Any suspected case of Academic Dishonesty will be handled in accordance with University policy and procedures. Possible academic penalties include a grade of "F" in the course. You will find the policy and procedures at <http://vpaa.unt.edu/academic-integrity.htm>

Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT)

The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. Your comments are an essential input in the process of continuous teaching improvement. So, please participate. The administration of the SPOT will begin a few weeks before the end of the semester and remain open for about two weeks.

Course Outline

This is a tentative outline and minor changes may be made during the semester.

<u>Suggested Study Day</u>	<u>Module</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Mon, May 11	Notes-ch 6	Financial risk And Return	Study Ch. 6 notes. Read Ch. 6 text, pp143-162. Watch Lecture 1.
Mon, May 11	HW-ch 6	Financial risk	Attempt Ch.6 homework. Study Ch. 6 solutions. Watch Lecture 2.
Mon, May 11	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 6 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 6 opens at 8 A.M.		
Tue, May 12	Notes-ch 7	Capital Asset Pricing Model	Study Ch. 7 notes. Read Ch. 7 text, pp168-182. Watch Lecture 3a.
Tue, May 12	HW-ch 7	Capital Asset Pricing Model	Attempt Ch.7 homework. Study Ch. 7 solutions. Watch Lecture 3b.
Tue, May 12	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 7 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 7 opens at 8 A.M.		
Wed, May 13	Notes-ch 8	Cost of Capital	Study Ch. 8 notes. Read Ch. 8 text, pp188-209. Watch Lecture 4.
Wed, May 13	HW-ch 8	Cost of Capital	Attempt Ch.8 homework. Study Ch. 8 solutions. Watch Lecture 5.
Wed, May 13	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 8 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 8 opens at 8 A.M.		

<u>Suggested Study Day</u>	<u>Module</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Thu, May 14	Notes-ch 10	Capital Budgeting	Study Ch. 10 notes. Read Ch. 10 text, pp246-256, pp259-260, pp264-268. Watch Lecture 6a. Watch Lecture 6b.
Thu, May 14	HW-ch 10	Capital Budgeting	Attempt Ch.10 homework. Study Ch. 10 solutions. Watch Lecture 7.
Thu, May 14	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 10 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 10 opens at 8 A.M.		
Mon, May 18	Midterm Exam	Start time 6:30 P.M. End time 9:00 P.M.	

<u>Suggested Study Day</u>	<u>Module</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Wed, May 20 to Thu, May 21	Notes-ch 12	Options	Study Ch. 12 notes. Read Ch. 12 text, pp314-335. Read Ch. 13 text, pp346-348. Watch Lecture 8.
Wed, May 20 to Thu, May 21	HW-ch 12	Options	Attempt Ch.12 homework. Study Ch. 12 solutions. Watch Lecture 9.
Wed, May 20	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 12 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 12 opens at 8 A.M.		
Fri, May 22 to Sat, May 23	Notes-ch 13	Derivatives Applications	Study Ch. 13 notes. Read Ch.13 text, pp348-351. Read Ch.13 text, pp362-369. Watch Lecture 10a. Watch Lecture 10b.
Fri, May 22 to Sat, May 23	HW-ch 13	Derivatives Applications	Attempt Ch.13 homework. Study Ch. 13 solutions. Watch Lecture 11.
Fri, May 22	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 13 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 13 opens at 8 A.M.		

<u>Suggested Study Day</u>	<u>Module</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
Sun, May 24	Notes-ch 14	Agency Theory	Study Ch. 14 notes. Read Ch. 14 text, pp377-407. Watch Lecture 12.
Sun, May 24	HW-ch 14	Agency Theory	Attempt Ch.14 homework. Study Ch. 14 solutions. Watch Lecture 14.
Sun, May 24	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 14 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 14 opens at 8 A.M.		
Tue, May 26	Notes-ch 15	Market Efficiency	Study Ch. 15notes. Read Ch. 15 text, pp415-438. Watch Lecture 13.
Tue, May 26	HW-ch 15	Market Efficiency	Attempt Ch.15 homework. Study Ch. 15 solutions. Watch Lecture 15.
Tue, May 26	Discussion Forum on Notes-ch 15 opens at 8 A.M. Discussion Forum on HW-ch 15 opens at 8 A.M.		
Thu, May 28	Final Exam	Start time 6:30 P.M. End time 8:30 P.M.	