



Kuwait University
College of Business Administration
Department of Finance & Financial
Institutions



Course Syllabus – Online Teaching
Fall 2021

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FIN 220 – Principles of Financial Management

Lecture Time and Location:

FIN 220 : S T Th 10:00 – 10:50 am, 11:00 – 11:50am

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Course Description:

This is an introductory course that aims to familiarize the student with the basics of financial management, including the objectives, tasks and decisions made by the financial managers in organizations. These tasks include, but are not restricted to, financial markets, time value of money, asset valuation, risk and return, bond and stock valuation, capital budgeting, cost of capital, and capital budgeting.

Course Learning Outcomes:

The learning outcomes for this course, listed below, relate to the learning goals of the College of Business Administration Undergraduate Program, which can be found in the appendix at the end of this syllabus. The numbers in parenthesis indicate to which specific learning goal the outcome relates.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

1. Have a basic understanding of the field of Finance, financial markets and financial institutions.
2. Be able to use financial statements to analyze a firm's financial performance. (LG5)
3. Be knowledgeable of and able to apply time value of money concepts in financial decision-making. (LG2, LG5)
4. Be able to analyze and solve financial problems. (LG5)
5. Understand the concepts and tools used to value bonds and stocks. (LG2, LG5)
6. Be able to use capital budgeting methods (i.e. NPV, IRR, MIRR, PBP, etc.) to solve financial problems. (LG2, LG5)
7. Be able to use spreadsheet applications for time value of money concepts. (LG3)
8. Understand the ethical problems that may occur in financial decision-making. (LG1)



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Prerequisites: The prerequisites for this class are ACT 111, QM 120, and ENG 115. I expect that you have a good understanding of the various financial statements as well as an understanding of some of the basic elements of statistics.

Required Material:

Textbook:

- Brigham, Eugene F., and Joel F. Houston. *Fundamentals of Financial Management*. 13th ed. Mason: South-Western, 2009. Print.
- Financial Calculator

Additional Material:

- Brigham, Eugene F., and Joel F. Houston. *Fundamentals of Financial Management: Study Guide*. N.p.: Mason, Ohio, 2012. Print.
- Other material, including course PPT Slides are available on Microsoft Teams.

E-Learning System: Microsoft Teams and Moodle

Course Website: N/A

Course Requirements and Policies:

End of Chapter Quizzes: I will be administering quizzes after each chapter on Teams.

Excel Assignment: This assignment requires that students apply time value of money concepts using Microsoft Excel.

Assessment: There are a total of 3 midterms and a unified final exam. Students will be notified of the dates at the beginning of the semester; however, the instructor retains the right to change the dates. As per the rules and regulations for online teaching, cameras will be required to be on during all assessments.

Attendance: Every student in this course must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Attendance (published in the Student Guide, Chapter 3, Section 13). Since attendance and participation is being graded, the professor has the right to call on any student to switch the cameras on when answering questions. Please be prepared to comply by the rules during all times. The policy is still being enforced for online teaching. A copy of the student guide can be accessed online on:

http://www.kuniv.edu/cs/groups/ku/documents/ku_content/kuw055940.pdf

Cheating and Plagiarism: Every student in this course must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism (published in the Student Guide, Chapter 3, Section 2). A copy of the student guide can be accessed online on:

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Writing Style: Students must refer to APA writing style for their assignments and report writing. Refer to the English Language Center for help.

Grading:

The scores in this course will be the weighted average of the following items:

Weight	Description
15%	Attendance and Participation
45%	Midterms
40%	Final Exam
100%	TOTAL

Grade Distribution:

Grade	Range
A	≥ 95
A-	≥ 90 and < 95
B+	≥ 87 and < 90
B	≥ 83 and < 87
B-	≥ 80 and < 83
C+	≥ 77 and < 80
C	≥ 73 and < 77
C-	≥ 70 and < 73
D+	≥ 65 and < 70
D	≥ 60 and < 65
F	< 60



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Course Outline:

Title	Topics
An Overview of Financial Management	What is Finance? • Goals of Financial Management • Types of Business Organizations • Business Ethics and Ethical Behavior • Potential Conflicts and Mitigation
Financial Markets and Institutions	Types and Roles Financial Markets • Types and Roles of Financial Institutions • Types and Operations of Stock Markets • Stock Market Performance • Importance of Market Efficiency
Analysis of Financial Statements <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	What is Ratio Analysis? • The Five Groups of Ratios • ROE and DuPont • Benchmarking and Trend Analysis • Uses and Limitations of Ratios
Time Value of Money <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	What is Time Value of Money? • Present Value • Future Value • Types of Annuities • Uneven Cash Flow Streams • Types of Interest Rates • Basics of Loan Amortization
Bonds and their Valuation <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	Corporate and Government Bonds • How Bond Prices are Determined • Interest Rates and Bond Prices • Changes in Bond Prices Over Time • Yield to Maturity • Yield to Call • Risks of Bonds
Risk and Rates of Return <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	Stand-Alone Risk vs. Risk in a Portfolio • Risk and Required Rate of Return • Diversifiable Risk vs. Market Risk • What is CAPM? • Factors Affecting the Required Rate of Return on Stocks
Stocks and their Valuation <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	Legal Rights of Stockholders • Stock Price vs. Intrinsic Value • Discounted Dividend Model • Corporate Valuation Model • Preferred Stocks
The Cost of Capital <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	Why Use Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)? • Costs of the Different Components of Capital • Calculating WACC • Limitations of WACC
The Basics of Capital Budgeting <i>(CFA TOPIC)</i>	What is Capital Budgeting? • Calculating NPV; IRR; MIRR; Payback • Advantages of NPV • Limitations of each Method

Important Dates

Date	Event
24/01/2022	Final Exam 5:00 – 7:00 pm