**Course Syllabus**

**Semester Fall 2022-2023**

**Dr. Bader Alhashel**

**MBA 521 – Financial Management**

**Lecture Time and Location:**

**MBA 521 / 00-01**: TIME: M 5:00 – 7:50

**Contact Information:**

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**Social Media** : MS Teams

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to provide you with a solid foundation and understanding of financial management to make informed investment and financing decisions.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Understand time value of money and be able apply it.
2. Understand the concepts and tools used to value stocks.
3. Understand the concepts and tools used to evaluate projects.
4. Understand a firm’s optimal capital structure and dividend policy and how such decisions affect firm value

**Required Material:**

**Textbook** : *Financial Management: Theory & Practice,* by Michael C. Ehrhardt and Eugene F. Brigham, 14th Edition, published by Cengage Learning.

**Additional Material** : Financial Calculator.

**Course Website** : www.balhashel.com

**Course Requirements and Policies:**

**Participation:** Participation is an important component of this course. Reading the assigned material and coming prepared to class will enable you to effectively contribute to the discussions.

**Assignments:** There will be two case studies and assignments throughout the semester. In these case studies you will learn to apply what we have learned. These case studies are here to help you understand the material and tie the concepts and expose you to real-world problems and situations.

**Exams:** There is one exam. Students will be notified of the exam dates at the beginning of the semester; however, the instructor retains the right to change the dates.

**Attendance:** Attendance is not mandatory. However, if you plan to attend you should arrive before class starts.

**News Discussion:** In this activity you should share within the class business news that are tied to class topics. You should come to every class prepared to discuss something as I will call randomly on you.

**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:

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

Please carefully note all sources and assistance when you turn in your work. Under no circumstances should you take credit for work that is not yours. You should neither receive nor give any unauthorized assistance on any deliverable. If you have any questions about what constitutes “unauthorized assistance” please email me before the deliverable is submitted.

**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:

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| **Weight** | **Description** |
| 8 + 2 | Participation + News Discussion |
| 30 + 3 | 1 Midterms + bonus |
| 20 + 5 | Case Studies + Assignments |
| 40 | Final |
| 108 | TOTAL |

**Important Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 14/11/2022 | Midterm |
| 3/11/2022 | Last day to drop a course |
| 22/12/2022 | Last Day of Classes |
| 26/12/2022 5 – 7 pm | Final Exam |

**Tentative Course Schedule:**

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| **Week** | **Topic & Chapter** | **Assignments** |
| 25 - Sep | Ch. 1: An Overview of Financial Management & the Financial Environment |  |
| 2 - Oct | Ch. 3: Analysis of Financial Statements |  |
| 9 - Oct | Ch. 4: Time Value of Money |  |
| 16 - Oct | Ch. 4: Time Value of Money |  |
| 23 - Oct | Ch. 6: Risk, Return, and the Capital Asset Pricing Model |  |
| 30 - Oct | Ch. 6: Risk, Return, and the Capital Asset Pricing Model |  |
| 6 - Nov | Ch. 7: Stocks, Stock Valuation, & Stock Market Equilibrium |  |
| 13 - Nov |  | **Midterm –14/11** |
| 20 - Nov | Ch. 9: The Cost of Capital |  |
| 27 - Nov | Ch. 10: The Basics of Capital Budgeting: Evaluating Cash Flows |  |
| 4 - Dec | Ch. 11: Cash Flow Estimation & Risk Analysis | Case Discussion |
| 11 - Dec | Ch. 14: Distributions to Shareholders: Dividends & Repurchases |  |
| 18 - Dec | Ch. 15: Capital Structure Decisions | Case Discussion |