**Course Syllabus**

**Semester Fall 2023-2024**

**Dr. Bader Alhashel**

**MBA 524 – Financial Markets & Institutions**

**Lecture Time and Location:**

**MBA 524 / 00**: TIME: T 5:00 – 7:50

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**Course Description:**

This course is an advanced-level course designed to provide the student with a conceptual understanding of how financial markets work, how they are structured, how prices and yields are determined and provide insight into the many different types of risks that exist in financial markets. This course also intends to provide a conceptual framework of why financial institutions exist and how they function with a focus on commercial banks.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Understand the structure and operation of global financial markets.
2. Understand the various factors that affect the operations of financial markets.
3. Recognize the key characteristics of equity, fixed-income and derivatives markets.
4. Understand the fundamentals as well as the determinants of interest rates
5. Have knowledge of the international aspects of financial markets.
6. Understand commercial banks and their role.
7. Understand the financial risks faced by the various financial institutions and the various methods to manage them.
8. Understand the role of financial institutions in global markets.

**Required Material:**

**Textbook** : Saunders, Cornett, and Erhemjamts (2022), *Financial Markets and Institutions*. (8th ed.). McGraw Hill

**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 | Case Studies |
| 40 | Final |
| 108 | TOTAL |

**Important Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 28/10/2023 | Last day to drop a course |
| 31/10/2023 | Midterm |
| 19/12/2023 | Last Day of Classes |
| 26/12/2022 5 – 7 pm | Final Exam |

**Tentative Course Schedule:**

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| **Week** | **Topic & Chapter** | **Assignments** |
| 1 | Ch. 1 |  |
| 2 | Ch. 5 |  |
| 3 | Ch. 6 |  |
| 4 | Ch. 8 |  |
| 5 | Ch. 10 |  |
| 6 | Ch. 11 |  |
| 7 |  | **Midterm –31/10** |
| 8 | Ch. 12 |  |
| 9 | Ch. 13 |  |
| 10 | Ch. 20 |  |
| 11 | Ch. 21 |  |
| 12 | Ch. 23 |  |
| 13 | Ch. 24 |  |