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**Course Syllabus**  
**Fall 2024**  
**Dr. AbdulRahman M. Al-Taweel**  
**FIN 220 – Principles of Financial Management**

**Lecture Time and Location:**

**FIN 220** : S T Th 10:00-10:50am; 11:00-11:50am

**Contact Information:**

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**Tutorial Times:** TBA

**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, 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*. 14th ed. Mason: South-Western. 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:**

**Pop Quizzes:** I will be administering pop quizzes throughout the semester. They will count as part of your participation and attendance scores.

**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. A copy of the student guide can be accessed online on:

[http://www.kuniv.edu/cs/groups/ku/documents/ku\\_content/kuw055940.pdf](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.



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**Grading:**

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

<b>Weight</b>	<b>Description</b>
15%	Attendance and Participation
45%	Midterms
40%	Final Exam
100%	TOTAL

**Grade Distribution:**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Range</b>
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:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Topics</b>
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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
28/12/2024	Final Exam 8 – 10 am