



Course Syllabus
Spring 2026
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MBA 521 – Financial Management

Lecture Time and Location:

1015-521/00 : Wednesdays TIME 17:00 – 19:50 PM Classroom # S| 01 D1 1006

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Course Link : On 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, latest available edition, published by Cengage Learning.

Additional Material : Financial Calculator.

Financial Calculator: You will need a financial calculator for this class. I highly recommend that you use the CASIO FC-200V or and CASIO FC-100V. Tutorials and help will be based on the CASIO FC-200V calculator. If you choose any other financial calculator, that is fine, but I will not be able to provide technical assistance. You may not use a smart-phone calculator app. Procedures for calculator will be demonstrated in class and are shown in the textbook. Understanding the basic financial functions of your calculator is necessary for success in this course.

Course 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.



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Assignments: There will be a few case studies and assignments throughout the semester. In these assignment, you will learn to apply what we have learned in-class, and they're there to help you understand the material and tie the concepts and expose you to real-world problems and situations.

Exams: There is one midterm exam and one final exam. The exam dates are tentative and I retain the right to change and set different dates.

Attendance: Every student in this course must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Attendance, and I highly encourage you to attend every class, and you will be responsible for any announcement made in class.

Cheating and Plagiarism: I have a zero tolerance policy towards cheating, plagiarism, and academic misconduct. Any student found cheating in this course will receive an F and will be reported to the office of the dean. Every student in this course must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism.

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:

Weight	Description
10%	In-class Discussion, Contribution, and Participation
25%	Case Studies and Assignments
25%	Midterm Exam
40%	Final Exam
100%	TOTAL

These are the only factors that will be used to determine your course grade. Other factors such as your major, graduation plans, graduate school plans, participation in extracurricular activities including sports, family events, employment or your financial situation cannot and will not be considered in determining your course grade. You will be graded on a scale of a 100. However, I may decide to allocate up to 5 bonus points spread across the various exams, assignments, and extra-curricular activities.



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Tentative Course Schedule:

Week of	Topic & Chapter
1-Feb	Ch. 1: An Overview of Financial Management & the Financial Environment
8-Feb	Ch. 3: Analysis of Financial Statements
15-Feb	Ch. 4: Time Value of Money
22-Feb	Public Holiday
1-March	Ch. 4: Time Value of Money
8-March	Ch. 6: Risk, Return, and the Capital Asset Pricing Model
15-March	Ch. 7: Stocks, Stock Valuation, & Stock Market Equilibrium
22-March	Ch. 9: The Cost of Capital
29-March	Ch. 10: The Basics of Capital Budgeting: Evaluating Cash Flows
5-April	Ch. 11: Cash Flow Estimation & Risk Analysis
12-April	Midterm (Covering material upto CH9)
19-April	Ch. 14: Distributions to Shareholders: Dividends & Repurchases
26-April	Ch. 15: Capital Structure Decisions
3-May	Final Exam