FIN 301: INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE
Section 101
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Office Hours: Thursday, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and by appointment
Classroom: 106 Business Building
Class Dates: 05/13/13 - 06/21/13
Class Times: MTWRF, 11:10 AM - 12:25 PM


Course Description and Objective: This course is designed for the general student in the business school. This is a survey course that covers a wide variety of finance topics. The chief objectives of the course are:
1. To create awareness of the major topics of finance, with emphasis on business decisions.
2. To introduce basic financial concepts such as the time value of money, financial asset valuation, financial statement analysis, and risk and return.
3. To introduce the financial institutions of finance.
4. To cover some basics of personal finance.
5. To create competence with spreadsheets.

By the end of the course you should have mastered the basics of understanding financial statements, financial ratio analysis, time value of money, securities valuation, capital budgeting, and the cost of capital.

Course Format: The expectation is that students will participate in the classroom discussion. Your presence and preparation for every class period are expected. You are responsible for all material covered in class, whether present or not.

Examinations: Three exams will be given. Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exams will cover assigned readings, lectures, and in-class material.

5/28 Tu 1st Midterm exam
6/10 Mon 2nd Midterm exam
6/24 Mon Final exam

Course Requirements/Grade Base: Your overall course grade will be based upon the following criteria:

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The following plus-minus grading system will be used:

- 93% A
- 90% A-
- 87.5% B+
- 85% B
- 82.5% B-
- 80% B
- 77.5% C+
- 75% C
- 70% C-
- 60% D
**Attendance/Participation:** Your active attendance and participation in every class session are expected. In the event you are unable to attend a class, please contact the instructor prior to the conclusion of the previous class. A reasonable number of excused absences are allowed.

**Recommended Calculators:** Any calculator is allowed, provided that the student knows how to use it. Exponents and roots will be calculated. Cell phones may not be used as calculators. Calculators with storable memory may not be used to contain notes or reference material.

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Any violation of academic integrity will be investigated, and where warranted, corrective academic and/or disciplinary action will be taken. For every incident where a penalty is assessed, an Academic Integrity Incident Report form must be filed. The form can be found on the Smeal College Intranet at this URL: http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/honor/how-it-works. This form is to be used for undergraduate courses. The report must be signed and dated by both the instructor and the student, and then submitted to Gus Colangelo, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, 202 Business Building.

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