



Dillard College of Business Administration

Syllabus: Financial Administration

FINC 5713 Section X40 Online

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Course Materials

- Required Textbook: Corporate Finance: Core Prin & Applications, 7th Edition, by Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe and Jordan. ISBN: 9781265215972. Published by McGraw Hill.

Online access to the publisher's textbook companion website (Connect) is necessary to complete the chapter assignments. To save student time and money, I have enrolled this course in the University's Textbook Affordability Program. Access to the E-book and Connect will be available in D2L on the first day of class for all students in this class. The price has been charged to your student account. This price is below the publisher's website price.

You can opt out of this special pricing and purchase your textbook and online access on your own. If you decide to opt out, the instructions will be in your MSU student email on the second day of class. For questions concerning the Textbook Affordability Program, please contact the university Bookstore at jenny.denning@msutexas.edu.

- D2L Access
Due to the online nature of this course, we will make extensive use of Desire2Learn (D2L) this semester. Make sure that you have access to this course on D2L. From D2L you will see many important materials such as course syllabus, lecture notes and announcements. If you have problem accessing D2L, please refer to the [help page](#) about your login information.
- Online Exam requirements
A reliable broadband internet connection is required for downloading and viewing course materials and taking online exams. No technical problem at a student's end will be considered or excused for grading purposes.

This course requires the use of Respondus LockDown Browser for taking online exams. A webcam is also required for exam monitoring. Students need to have access to a computer that meets the system requirements for installing Respondus Lockdown Browser and webcam monitoring. Chromebooks Laptop, smart phones, or tablet may not meet these requirements. Watch [this video](#) for an introduction of the LockDown Browser. Download instructions and guidelines are available on D2L.

Course Prerequisite(s)

BUAD 3033, FINC 3733 or BUAD 5006, and consent of the Graduate Coordinator.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that you meet the prerequisite requirements. Failure to do that may result in withdrawal from the class, even at late point of this semester.

Learning Goals

A: DCOBA Graduate Program General Learning Goals

GLG3: Our students will produce creative responses to business situations.

Objective: Our graduates will demonstrate the capability to critically analyze business situations and develop creative solutions to opportunities and problems.

In this course students will be required to conduct quantitative analysis for numerous cases. The analysis will include identifying the problem(s), suggesting possible alternatives to solve the problems, and identifying the most reasonable estimate and risks. Grades will reflect the quality of the analysis.

GLG4: Our students will integrate knowledge across business disciplines.

Objective: Our graduates will demonstrate the capability to integrate knowledge across business disciplines.

In this course, to conduct reasonable valuation analysis, students will integrate their knowledge across business disciplines such as Accounting, Economics, and Management to assess firm performance and project firm growth. Grades will reflect their knowledge and skills in the analysis.

B. Course Specific Learning Goals:

After completing this course, students should be able to:

1. understand key financial concepts such as:
 - Time Value of Money
 - Financial analysis
 - Bond and stock markets and bond and stock valuation
 - Corporate valuation analysis
 - Capital budgeting and project valuation analysis.
2. integrate these concepts from the prospective of value creation.
3. apply these concepts to valuation analysis.

Grading and Evaluation:

Grades are determined by the following components:

a. Exams:

There will be three exams. Please refer to Table 1 for the weight of each exam to the total grade. More details such as format and content of each exam will be posted on D2L.

All exams are mandatory. Please refer to the tentative course schedule at the end of this syllabus for exam dates. It is the student's responsibility to know when and how the exams will be held.

If a student must miss one exam for a valid reason, the weight of the missed exam can be transferred into the other exams the student can take. This option can only be exercised once, meaning that if a student misses more than one exam, the student loses at least 15 points of the class grade.

Situations that can be excused include religious holy days, active military/police/firefighter assignment, jury duty, university functions (for example, athlete events or student conferences), and medical emergency for yourself or your immediate family members. For more information about authorized absences, excused absences defined by state regulations, and the required documentations, please refer to the [Registrar](#) section in the university catalog.

For exam absences due to religious holy day, military/policy/firefighter/jury duty, or personal emergencies, please contact the [Dean of Students](#) office to request special accommodation. The Dean of Students will process student requests based on provided documentation and notify the instructor.

Absences due to required participation in university-sponsored activities must be approved by the college dean or Athletic Director and the Provost. Absences due to academically related activities such as class field trips or student conferences require a written notification from the faculty member who sponsors or organizes the activities.

Missing any exam without a valid excuse and supporting documents or notification from the Dean of Students office will result in a grade of zero for that exam.

Students are not allowed to capture/record the exam questions by any means while taking an exam. Collaboration among students while taking an exam is considered cheating and is strictly prohibited. Please consult the "Online Exam Policies" file on D2L for more details regarding online exam policies and refer to the Academic Integrity policy section in this syllabus for information on consequences resulting from violations of these policies.

b. Assignments:

There will be online assignment(s) for each lecture covered in this course. More details such as the format and coverage of the online assignments will be communicated on D2L. Students are required to have individual access to the Connect website and complete the online assignments independently. Late submission will not be accepted and will automatically result in a grade of zero for the assignment.

Table 1 and Table 2 below illustrate the grade components and the grading standard.

Table 1: Grade Components

Element	Weights
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3 (Final Exam)	20%
Assignments	4% * 10 = 40%
Total Points	100%

Table 2: Grading Standard

Grade	Points
A	90 or greater
B	80 to 89.99
C	70 to 79.99
D	60 to 69.99
F	Lower than 60

To maintain the fairness to the entire class, the same grading criteria will be applied to all students. Grades are not negotiable. There will be no bonus/additional assignment or project designed for or given to any individual student. Emails to bargain for higher grades will not be replied.

Additional Course Policies

1. When emailing the instructor, please include "FINC 5713-X40" in the email subject.
2. Students have the responsibility to check in on D2L regularly for new announcements and course materials. Failure to do so may result in missing important instructions and updates and consequently lower exam or assignment grades.
3. Redistribution of any course material provided by the instructor in any form outside this class is strictly prohibited.
4. This class follows Midwestern State University Graduate Catalog regarding the Instructor Drop:
An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the student a verbal or

written warning prior to dropping the student from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date.

Academic Integrity

With regards to academic honesty, students are referred to the University's Student Honor Creed, including the following statement:

We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests with each individual student.

This course follows Midwestern State University Graduate Catalog regarding to the Academic Dishonesty policy:

A grade of F given for academic dishonesty will be computed in the grade point average even if permission is granted for the course to be repeated. Additional college and program policies regarding academic dishonesty will apply.

Americans with Disabilities Act

If a student has an established disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act and would like to request accommodation, that student should see me as soon as possible (preferably within the first two weeks of the semester). Refer to my office hours and phone number shown on page 1. This class follows the guidelines suggested by [Office of Disabilities Support Services](#) for students who qualify for disability services. Please see [Midwestern State University Graduate Catalog](#) for details.

Campus Carry statement

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's [Campus Carry Policy](#) webpage.

Professionalism

The faculty, staff, and students of the Dillard College of Business Administration are committed to being a "professional" in our words, conduct, and actions. The qualities of a professional include:

- A commitment to the development of specialized knowledge
- Competency in analytical, oral and written communication skills
- Self-discipline
- Reliability
- Honesty and integrity
- Trustworthiness
- Timeliness
- Accountability for words and actions

- Respect for others and other cultures
- Politeness and good manners
- A professional image (professionals look professional)
- An awareness of their environment and adaptability to different settings
- Confidence without arrogance
- A commitment to giving back to your community.

Syllabus Change Policy

This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change. Syllabus changes will be communicated on D2L.

Course Schedule

Table 3: Tentative Course Schedule

Since this is an online class, you take charge of your own learning pace. The table below serves as a guideline for a reasonable study load each day and week and a reminder of the exam dates and online assignment due dates.

Week	Day	Date	Items to study
1	Mon	7/7/2025	Syllabus and Class Policy; intro video on D2L
	Tues	7/8/2025	Lecture 1: Intro for Corporate Financial Management
	Wed	7/9/2025	Lecture 2: Review of Financial Statements
	Thur	7/10/2025	Lecture 3: Financial Statement Analysis
2	Mon	7/14/2025	Lecture 3 Cont.: Financial Models
	Tues	7/15/2025	Work on Connect assignments; prepare for Exam 1
	Wed	7/16/2025	Exam 1; Connect HW 1, 2, 3 Due
	Thur	7/17/2025	Lecture 4: Discounted CF Valuation
3	Mon	7/21/2025	Lecture 4: Discounted CF Valuation
	Tues	7/22/2025	Lecture 5: Interest Rate and Bond Valuation
	Wed	7/23/2025	Lecture 6: Stock Valuation
	Thur	7/24/2025	Lecture 7: NPV and Other Investment Rules
4	Mon	7/28/2025	Work on Connect assignments; prepare for Exam 2
	Tues	7/29/2025	Exam 2; Connect HW 4, 5, 6, 7 Due
	Wed	7/30/2025	Lecture 8: Capital Investment Decisions
	Thur	7/31/2025	Lecture 9: Risk and Return
5	Mon	8/4/2025	Lecture 9: Risk and Return
	Tues	8/5/2025	Lecture 10: Risk and Cost of Capital
	Wed	8/6/2025	Work on Connect assignments; prepare for Exam 3
	Thur	8/7/2025	Final Exam; Connect HW 8, 9, 10 Due