



Course Syllabus: Financial Administration

Dillard College of Business Administration

FINC 5713 -X20 (Online) Spring 2026

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Course Description

This course introduces the core principles of corporate finance, focusing on financial decision-making related to investment, financing, and firm value. 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 perspective of value creation.
3. apply these concepts to valuation analysis.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required Textbook: Corporate Finance: Core Principles & 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 have the choice to 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](#).

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Course grades are determined by the following components:

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Exam 1	20
Exam 2	20
Exam 3 (Final Exam)	20
Assignments (10 sets with 4 points for each set)	$4 * 10 = 40$
Total Points	100

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

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

Online 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.

Exams

There will be three exams. Please refer to Table 1 for the weight of each exam to the final grade. More details such as format and content of each exam will be announced on D2L. Please refer to the file titled “Online Exam Policies” on D2L about policies and requirements for the online exams.

All exams are mandatory. Please refer to the tentative course schedule at the end of this syllabus for exam dates. Each exam will be open between 12pm and 10pm on the scheduled exam day. Students have two hours to complete and submit the exam once they start an 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 refer to the Academic Integrity section of this syllabus regarding the consequences.

Final Exam

The final exam is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026. It is mandatory and will NOT be excused for personal reasons such as vacation or flight plans. It counts 20 points into the total grade. Final exam will be online and follow the same format and online exam policies as in the other two exams.

Extra Credit

To maintain fairness to the entire class, the same grading criteria will be applied to all students. Grades are not negotiable. There will be no bonus or extra-credit assignment or project designed for or given to any individual student.

Late Work

Late assignment submission will not be accepted and will automatically result in a grade of zero for the assignment.

Make Up Work/Tests

There will be no make-up for the exams. It is the student's responsibility to know when and how the exams will be held.

If a student must miss one exam with 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 one misses more than one exam, one loses at least 20%.

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. The Dean of Students will process student requests 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 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.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: January 23, 2026, Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation in May 2026: February 26, 2026. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": April 29, 2026. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.**

Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ***Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

This course requires the use of Respondus LockDown Browser for online exams. A webcam is also required. The computer needs to meet the system requirements for installing Respondus Lockdown Browser. Please be advised that

Chromebooks Laptop, smart phones, or tablet may not meet the requirements for the Respondus browser and webcam monitoring. Watch [this video](#) to get a basic understanding of the LockDown Browser. Download instructions and guidelines are available on D2L.

Instructor Class Policies

When emailing the instructor, please include your course number "FINC 5713-X20" in the email subject. Without the course number the reply will be delayed.

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 test or assignment grades.

Redistribution of any course material provided by the instructor in any form outside this class is strictly prohibited.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. **HOWEVER**, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

Course Schedule:

This syllabus and the course schedule below serve as a guide for the course—not a “contract”—and are subject to change. Syllabus and schedule changes will be communicated in class, on D2L, or by email.

Week	Dates	Coverage and Plans
1	01/20/2026 to 01/25/2026	Class introduction, syllabus and class policies
2	01/26/2026 to 02/01/2026	Lecture 1: Introduction for Corporate Financial Management
3	02/02/2026 to 02/08/2026	Lecture 2: Review of Financial Statements
4	02/09/2026 to 02/15/2026	Lecture 3 Part 1: Financial Statement Analysis
5	02/16/2026 to 02/22/2026	Lecture 3 Part 2: Financial Models
6	02/23/2026 to 03/01/2026	Exam 1 scheduled for Wednesday, 02/25/2026. HW 1, 2, 3 due on 02/25/2026.
7	03/02/2026 to 03/08/2026	Lecture 4: Discounted CF Valuation
8	03/09/2026 to 03/15/2026	Spring break
9	03/16/2026 to 03/22/2026	Lecture 5: Interest Rate and Bond Valuation
10	03/23/2026 to 03/29/2026	Lecture 6: Stock Valuation
11	03/30/2026 to 04/05/2026	Lecture 7: NPV and Other Investment Rules
12	04/06/2026 to 04/12/2026	Exam 2 Scheduled for Wednesday, 04/08/2026. HW 4-7 due on 04/08/2026
13	04/13/2026 to 04/19/2026	Lecture 8: Capital Investment Decisions
14	04/20/2026 to 04/26/2026	Lecture 9: Risk and Return;
15	04/27/2026 to 05/03/2026	Lecture 9: Risk and Return
16	05/04/2026 to 05/10/2026	Lecture 10: Risk and Cost of Capital
17	05/11/2026 to 05/17/2026	Final Exam scheduled for Wednesday, 05/13/2026. HW 8-10 due on 05/13/2026