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# **FIN 3300**

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#### **SYLLABUS**

## PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FIN3300-003 Fall 2015, KH228, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. T/TH Professor Naka

# **Course Description and Learning Objectives:**

The main objectives of this course are to introduce fundamental ideas and methods used in financial decision-making. The classes will be consisting of lectures and problem solving. Class discussion is an important vehicle toward understanding the materials presented and questions are strongly encouraged. Reading and homework assignments will be announced in class throughout the semester.

After successfully completing the course, you will understand the essential concepts in finance such as time value of money, stocks and bonds valuations, cost of capital, and other topics pertinent to the financial management.

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**Office hours:** KH469 Mondays 1:00pm - 5:00pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm; or by appointment.

**Required Text:** *Fundamentals of Financial Management*: Concise Edition, 8th Edition by Brigham & Houston, South-Western publisher/Cengage Learning.

**Important Notes:** Do NOT purchase the text from a regular web site (e.g., Amazon). You must purchase the text from the UNO Bookstore or from the Cengage Learning web site in order to have an access to the Aplia homework assignments.

## **Lecture Notes:**

I will post the lecture notes on Moodle. It's essential to bring a copy of the lecture notes to class.

#### **Calculator:**

You will need a financial calculator in order to solve many of the problems for the course. I recommend Texas Instruments BAII Plus. You are not allowed to share calculators during exams.

## **Communications policy:**

All communications must originate from **your UNO e-mail account**. When you send e-mails, please type the subject heading that summarizes the content (e.g., Quiz 1).

## **Homework Assignments:**

There will be several homework assignments posted on the Aplia. Your score will be recorded during the semester through the Aplia system. I will announce each HW assignment at least one week prior to the due date.

#### Exams:

There will be four exams (100 points each) during the semester and the final exam (200 points). The lowest of the four exams will be dropped from counting toward the final grade, but the final exam will not be dropped. There will be no make-up exams except in the case of emergency. You are responsible to inform me the nature of emergency.

## **Formula Sheet:**

Students are allowed to bring a formula sheet to each exam (no larger than 11 by 8½). Also, you can bring one calculator for exams.

## **Grading:**

The final grading will be based on the weighted average of the homework assignments and exams. The weights are given as 80% from the total of the exams (500 possible points), and 20% from the Aplia homework assignments.

Each grade is based on the following scales:

90% - 100%, A; 80% - 89%, B; 60% - 79%, C; 50% - 59, D; 49% and below, F.

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance is required. Missing more than 25% of the total class days will result in a lowered grade. If you have a legitimate excuse for being absent, please contact me by sending e-mail prior to the class or ASAP after the class.

# **Academic Integrity:**

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and reported. Please refer to the UNO Judicial Code for further information (the code is available online).

#### **Class Conduct:**

Try to be in class on time, and not to leave the class during the session unless emergency. Cell phone should be turned off or silence mode before class begins. No texting during the class except urgent incidents. Courteous behavior and responses are expected during the class.

## **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:**

Students who qualify for services will receive the academic modification for which they are legally entitled. It is the responsibility of the student to register with the Office of Disability Services (UC260).

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

Fall 2015

Weeks & Days Chapters Covered (tentative)

1. Aug. 20 Chapter 1

2. Aug. 25 & 27 Chapters 2 and 3

3. Sep. 1 & 3 Chapter 3 4. Sep. 8 & 10 Chapter 4

5. Sep. 15 & 17 Chapter 5 and **Exam 1 (9/17)** 

6. Sep. 22 & 24 Chapter 5 7. Sep. 29 & Oct. 1 Chapter 5

8. Oct. 6 & 8 Chapter 6 and **Exam 2 (10/8)** 

9. Oct. 13 & 15 Chapter 7
10. Oct. 20 & 22 Chapter 8
11. Oct. 27 & 29 Chapter 9

12. Nov. 3 & 5 Chapter 10 and **Exam 3 (11/5)** 

13. Nov. 10 & 12 Chapters 10 and 11

14. Nov. 17 & 19 Chapter 12 15. Nov. 24 **Exam 4 (11/24)** 

16. Dec. 1 & 3 Selected Chapter and Review December 8 Tuesday Final Exam: 10:00 – 12 Noon

Note: The dates for the three quizzes and the final exam are fixed but the Chapters covered may change during the semester. The Final exam will cover the selected topics discussed during the semester.