

Fall 2015

## **FIN 5306**

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## **SYLLABUS**

### **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE**

FIN5306

Fall 2015: Mondays 6:00pm - 8:45pm KH129

Professor A. Naka

#### **Course Objectives:**

The focus of this course is to introduce the pertinent concepts of International Financial. The topics to be covered include: balance of payments; foreign exchange markets; parity conditions; currency risk management, cross-boarder multinational capital budgeting, and International capital markets. Upon completion of this course, students will obtain knowledge of well-known theories in International Finance, foreign investment analysis, financing foreign operations and International Asset Pricing models.

For FIN5306, you are expected to submit a term paper acceptable as a Graduate level work. After completing your term paper, you will acquire depth analysis of the current issues dealt with the areas of International Finance. The potential topics and its requirements are detailed in a file titled "Term paper guideline" posed on Moodle. Also, you will obtain technical skills by completing two take-home projects.

Class discussion is an important vehicle toward understanding the material presented and questions are strongly encouraged. Reading and homework assignments will be announced in class and posted on Moodle throughout the semester.

**Office:** KH469, Email: [anaka@uno.edu](mailto:anaka@uno.edu), (504) 280-6487 (Dept. Office) or 280-6896.

**Office Hours:** Mondays 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm; or by appointment.

#### **Required Textbook:**

*Multinational Finance* by Kirt C. Butler, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. This textbook presents comprehensive treatment of International Finance. However, the text provides rather rigorous discussion on the subject, and it will require careful reading to understand the concepts.

**Lecture Notes:** I will post the lecture notes on Moodle. You are expected to overview the notes prior to each class and bring them to the class.

#### **Quizzes and Final Exam:**

There will be the total of five. Four exams will be given during the semester (100 points each), but the lowest of these four exams will be dropped and not be counted in the final grade. The final exam will be worth 150 points and not be dropped.

#### **Homework Assignments:**

There will be homework assignments during the semester. They will not be graded, but it is essential to work through the problems in order to understand the material covered in this course.

#### **Projects:**

Two homework projects will be assigned (25 points each) to receive the graduate credits. The details will be announced during the semester.

#### **Term Paper:**

You are required to submit a term paper at the end of the semester (100 points). You must submit a proposal of your term paper in order to receive full credit. The details regarding the proposal and the term paper will be announced during the semester.

**Attendance:** Attendance is required and your seat will be assigned. Lack of attendance will result in a possible lowered grade. I expect you to attend at least 70% of the classes. If you have a specific reason to miss the class, you may contact me prior to the class via e-mail (you must use your UNO e-mail address), and you will be excused from attending the class.

**Grading:** The final grade for FIN5306 will be based on 600 possible points, which consist of the three quizzes (300), the final exam (150), two reports (50), and term paper (100). The following scales will be used: 90% - 100%, A; 80% - 89%, B; 65% - 79%, C; 50% - 64%, D; 49% and below, F.

**Communications policy:**

All communications must go through only your UNO e-mail addresses. Non-UNO e-mails will not be opened. When sending e-mails, you must provide the subject.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be reported. Please refer to the UNO Judicial Code, available online, for further information.

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

**Class Conduct:** Students are expected to be in class on time and to not leave early unless there is an emergency. If you know you need to leave class early, please inform me before class starts. Cell phones should be turned off before class begins. Courteous behavior and responses are expected during the class.

***CLASS SCHEDULE***

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Dates

**Chapters Covered (tentative)**

August 24	Chapters 1 and 2
August 31	Chapter 3
September 7	Labor Day holiday
September 14	Chapter 4 and <b>Quiz 1</b> (9/14)
September 21	Chapter 4
September 28	Chapter 6
October 5	Chapter 6 and <b>Quiz 2</b> (10/5)
October 12	Chapter 9
October 19	Chapter 13
October 26	Chapter 13 and <b>Quiz 3</b> (10/2)
November 2	Chapter 14
November 9	Chapters 15/17
November 16	Chapters 18/19
November 23	Chapter 19 and <b>Quiz 4</b> (11/23)
November 30	Chapter 20 and Review
December 7	Final exam 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Note: The dates for the four exams are fixed but the Chapters covered may change during the semester. The Final exam will be comprehensive and cover the topics discussed during the semester.