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**Course Description:** This course is a study of financial principles as applied to corporate investment and financing decisions. The ethical role of the financial manager is examined as it relates to value creation.

**Prerequisites:** ACCT 2302 and MATH 1324 or Equivalent

**College of Business Administration (COBA) Learning Objectives:**

1. BBA graduates should be competent in the areas of critical thinking and problem solving
2. BBA graduates should be competent in the areas of oral and written communications
3. BBA graduates should be competent in the business foundation
4. BBA graduates should be competent in discipline specific knowledge

**Course Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand the principles of Time Value of Money (TVM)
2. Understand the role of the financial manager and corporate governance
3. Understand cash flow estimation and apply basic capital budgeting methods
4. Understand the basics of risk and return
5. Understand the basics of corporate financing

**Required Course Materials:**

1. Lecture Outlines (Required): Posted on Blackboard. Print these prior to class.
2. Financial Calculator (Required): Any financial calculator will do, but I recommend the HP 10BII or the TI BAII Plus. You are responsible for understanding how to operate it. Calculator manuals are not authorized references for exams. Smartphones (and associated apps) are prohibited, and you may not share a calculator with other students.
3. Text (Recommended): Brealey, Myers and Marcus, *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, 9th ed. McGraw Hill, 2018. (ISBN: 978-1-259-72261-5)

**Instructor Availability:** I am in my office during the stated office hours. If it is impossible to make my office hours, an appointment should be made ahead of time. Do not come to office hours and expect to be re-taught material covered in class. You are expected to make an attempt to understand the material outside of class before coming for assistance. I highly recommend that you email prior to coming to the office – *even during office hours*.

**Attendance:**

1. Attendance is required, and role will be taken each scheduled class period.
2. Absence(s) of 6 hours or more will result in a final course grade of "F." **This includes absences on ALL exam dates.** For a section that meets twice per week, six hours of absence roughly equates to 4.5 class periods. For a section that meets once per week, six hours of absence roughly equates to 2.25 class periods.
3. **YOU** are responsible for tracking your own attendance. I will not give you a running tally.
4. Only exceptions to this policy are for religious holy days (with written notice to me **in advance**), official Sam Houston State University events (that I have approved **in advance**), and/or injuries resulting in a disability requiring reasonable accommodation (with appropriate verifiable documentation – including necessary legal releases required for me to converse with your doctors – within **two weeks** of accident or illness).
5. Tardiness is considered rude to both the instructor and to fellow students. At the sole discretion of the instructor, students who are chronically late to class will receive reduction(s) in their grade. **If you enter the classroom after role has been taken, it is YOUR responsibility to approach me after class to be marked as tardy rather than absent.** I will liberally estimate the number of minutes you were tardy.
6. See: [http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf\\_www/aps/documents/800401\\_001.pdf](http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/800401_001.pdf)

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

See: <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/syllabus-guidelines/index.html>.

**Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:**

See: <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/syllabus-guidelines/index.html>.

**Visitors in the Classroom:**

See: <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/syllabus-guidelines/index.html>.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

See: <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/syllabus-guidelines/index.html>.

ANY instance of suspected academic dishonesty will automatically result in a course grade of "F." No warning will be given.

**Classroom Points:**

1. No beverages, food, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or cell phone use is allowed in the classroom.

**Assessment & Grading:**

1. Grades in this course are curved. This means that your final grade will be determined by how you perform in relation to the performance of your classmates. As such, statistics of each graded exercise will be provided to the class once grades have been recorded.
2. Exams -
  - a. There will be 5 exams. Your numeric score for the course will be the average of your four highest test scores. Numeric scores for all students will be rank ordered and break-points for alphabetic grades will be assigned in a manner consistent with the ranking.
  - b. The final exam is comprehensive.
  - c. Exams will be administered during normal class hours on the dates stated below. Students arriving late to class on days of an exam will not be allowed to take the test if they arrive after the first student has turned in the exam. In such an instance, a grade of zero will be recorded.
  - d. Make up exams will be allowed if (1) you contact me prior to the exam, and (2) provide documentation that your absence is excused per the attendance policy above (i.e. a religious holy day, official SHSU business or reasonable disability accommodation). If the absence does not meet both of these criteria, the exam grade will be zero.
3. If you believe that any of your work is graded or recorded incorrectly, you may submit a written request (email is ok) for review within one week of the time the graded work is returned in class. Any request that is submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The entire submission will be graded again.
4. No incomplete grades will be assigned for marginal or failing grades at the end of the semester.
5. There will be no extra credit work of any kind available to improve your final grade.
6. There will be no changes made to the date and time of the administration of the final exam for any reason.
7. *Do not attempt to negotiate grades with me at the end of the semester.*

**Important Dates:**

Exam #1..... Tuesday, September 19  
Exam #2..... Tuesday, October 12  
Exam #3..... Thursday, November 2  
Exam #4..... Thursday, November 30  
Exam #5 (Comprehensive) ..... Tuesday, December 5

**My Score:**

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**Tutor:** The Department of General Business and Finance provides students with a tutor for FINC 3310 and FINC 3320. Please copy information about the tutor below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Days: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor Discretion:** I reserve the right to deviate from this syllabus at my sole discretion if such deviation improves knowledge of course material.

**Conflict with College or University Policy or State Law:** In the event of a conflict between this syllabus and the policies and procedures of COBA or SHSU, or the laws of the State of Texas, the policies and procedures of the College or University or the laws of the State of Texas shall control.