FINAN 303 – Principles of Finance - Syllabus– Fall 2017
Sec. 003 – M 6:00 – 8:45 p.m. – MBEB Rm 2010

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Financial Calculator: All students will be required to have a Financial Calculator. You may use any Financial Calculator of your choosing, but I strongly suggest the HP 10bII+.

Course Goal:
An introductory course focusing on financial management for business concerns. Topics include: allocation of resources for investment in short- and long-term assets, decisions with respect to debt and equity financing, and dividend policy. Lectures and reading are blended with problems and cases for class discussion. PREREQ: Admission to COBE, ACCT 206, ECON 201, ECON 202 and BUSSTAT 207.

Course Promise:
It is my intent to give each of you a basic understanding of concepts surrounding Financial Management. This will be done by a using combination of readings, lectures, and individual assignments. Your goal this semester should be to become an active participant in classroom discussions and to gain knowledge that will help you in your future.

Grading: The course grade will be determined as follows:

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<th>3 Exam Option</th>
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<td>Three Exams (equally weighted)</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Seven Quizzes (drop the lowest 2)</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Final Exam</td>
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Grading Scale: Grades will be as follows:

A = 89.5% – 100%
B = 79.5% – 89.49%
C = 69.5% – 79.49%
D = 59.5% – 69.49%
F = < 59.5%

Exams: Exams consist of a combination of true/false, multiple choice, short answer, and quantitative problems. The optional Final Exam is comprehensive. Questions will come from the text, lectures, as well as classroom discussions. Successful completion of the exams will require a thorough reading and understanding of the text. Exams will be given on the scheduled dates (see tentative schedule that follows).
Tentative Exam Dates:

- Exam 1  September 18
- Exam 2  October 23
- Exam 3  November 27
- Final Exam  December 11  5:30 – 7:30pm

Quizzes:
During the semester, there will be 7 quizzes given. These will usually cover a specific topic or chapter we have recently covered. **The lowest two quiz score will be dropped; as such there will be no makeup opportunities for quizzes.**

Class Contribution: Class discussion is an important element of the course. Students who contribute at an above average level will receive a positive adjustment to their grade. Students who are absent, disrupt class or do not participate, will receive a negative adjustment to their grade.

Class Schedule: (may be used as guide and is subject to change)

- August 21  Course Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2
- August 28  Chapter 3
- September 4  **No Class** – Labor Day
- September 11  Chapter 4
- September 18  **Exam #1**
- September 25  Chapter 5
- October 2  Finish Chapter 5 & Chapter 6
- October 9  Chapter 7
- October 16  Chapter 8
- October 23  **Exam #2**
- October 30  Chapter 9 & Chapter 10
- November 6  Finish Chapter 10 & Chapter 11
- November 13  Finish Chapter 11 & Chapter 12
- November 20  **No Class** – Thanksgiving Break
- November 27  **Exam #3**
- December 4  Class Wrap-up & Review for Final
- December 11  **Final Exam 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

Reasonable Accommodations:
Students with Disabilities: Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and may need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please visit the Disability Resource Center (DRC). All accommodations MUST be approved through the DRC (Administration 114). Please stop by or call 208-426-1583 to make an appointment with a disability specialist. [http://drc.boisestate.edu/](http://drc.boisestate.edu/)

Academic Integrity:
Academic integrity will be strongly enforced in this course. Any student caught cheating on any assignment may fail the assignment in question or fail this course dependent on a hearing with the course instructor. Academic Dishonesty is defined in the Student Code of Conduct (Article 2, Section 18). It is strongly suggested that you read and understand these definitions.
Students in this class will learn or practice the following COBE Core Curriculum concepts, methods, and skills:

1. Understand and apply analytical and disciplinary concepts and methods related to business and economics:

- [ ] 1.1. Accounting
- [ ] 1.2. Business Policy and Strategy
- [x] 1.3. Economics
- [x] 1.4. Finance
- [ ] 1.5. Information Technology Management
- [ ] 1.6. International environment of business
- [ ] 1.7. Legal environment of business
- [ ] 1.8. Management
- [ ] 1.9. Marketing
- [ ] 1.10. Mathematics & Statistics
- [ ] 1.11. Supply Chain Management

2. Communicate effectively:

- [ ] 2.1. Communicate effectively: Write messages and documents that are clear, concise, and compelling
- [ ] 2.2. Communicate effectively: Give oral presentations that use effective content, organization, and delivery
- [x] 3. Solve problems, including unstructured problems, related to business and economics
- [x] 4. Use effective teamwork and collaboration skills
- [x] 5. Demonstrate appropriate principles of responsible business practices

  - [x] 5.1 Resolve issues related to Individual Responsibility (Business Ethics)
  - [x] 5.2 Resolve issues related to Corporate Social Responsibility
  - [x] 5.3 Resolve issues related to Leadership Responsibility (Corporate Governance)
  - [x] 5.4 Resolve issues related to Environmental Responsibility (Environmental Sustainability)
  - [x] 5.5 Resolve issues related to Cultural Responsibility (Diversity)