

BILKENT UNIVERSITY
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MAN 321 Corporate Finance
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Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

The main objective of this course to introduce you to the world of finance. Students learn the fundamental concepts of finance, such as time value of money, risk, return, and asset valuation.

At the end of the semester you will be able to

- identify the goal of the corporation,
- measure and analyze the financial performance of a firm's management,
- apply the time value of money in order to solve related problems and to value financial and real asset investments,
- define and measure risk and rate of return ,
- calculate values of bonds and common stocks,
- apply capital budgeting techniques, such as net present value and internal rate of return to evaluate projects,
- use spreadsheets for financial analysis,
- interpret and evaluate the results of your analysis,
- follow financial press in English.

Assessment Tasks

Mid-term and Final Examinations

There will be two mid-term examinations and one final examination in this course. Each mid-term exam will cover the material immediately preceding it. The final exam will be comprehensive.

No make-up exams will be given, except under extreme circumstances. You should notify me via email before the starting time of the exam if you will miss it. If there is any need, all make-up exams will be given at the end of the semester. Please note that the make-up exam for both midterms will be the same. That means, even if you miss one midterm, you will be responsible for chapters included in both midterms. If a student misses the final exam with legal excuse, the student will get FX grade and take the final re-take exam that

will be given at the end of the semester. Historically, the average grades on make-up or re-take exams were less than one half of the average grades in regular exams. So, any attempt to take a re-take exam is to your great disadvantage.

Homework and Quizzes

Assignments will be given every week, starting next week. They will be done through the moodle site of the course. There may be pop-quizzes related to the homeworks.

Excel Assignments

Excel assignments will be done individually. Students will be given pre-reading and practise assignments. These assignments will focus on the development of students' ability to solve financial problems using spreadsheets.

Assessment

Grades will be assigned on the basis of students' performance in mid-term exams, final exam, assignments, quizzes, and class participation.

Approximate weights are:

Mid-term exams (25% each)	50 %
Final exam	30 %
Assignments, in-class quizzes and participation	20 %

There are new rules and regulations enacted by the University Senate on January 10 2013, related to the F grade:

An FX grade will be given to students who either miss an exam (midterm and/or final).

An FZ grade will be given to those students who have accumulated a percentage grade point of less than 8 out of a total of 20 on the homeworks, quizzes and participation portion of the assessment **or** have an average midterm exam grade less than 25 **or** have failed to attend at least 70% of classes (i.e. equivalent to 15 class hours). Medical reports will not be considered for missed classes.

Prior to the final exam period, I will give FZ grades to students who do not meet the above requirements and these students will not be allowed to take the final and the retake exams.

Attendance

You are expected to attend to all classes. There is no make-up for quizzes as we will discard the worst grade in these assessment tools.

Textbook

Brealey, Richard A., Stewart C. Myers, and Alan J. Marcus. *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, McGraw-Hill Irwin, Seventh Edition, 2012.

Tentative Outline

Week of	Topic	Chapter
Feb. 2	Finance as a Profession	1,2
Feb. 9	Measuring Financial Performance	3
Feb. 16	Measuring Financial Performance (continued)	4
Feb. 23	Time Value of Money	5
Mar. 2	Time Value of Money (continued)	5
Mar. 9	Time Value of Money (continued)	5
Mar. 16	March 16-18 No Classes MID-TERM EXAM I @ March 20 Friday 17:40	
Mar. 23	Bond Valuation	6
Mar. 30	Bond Valuation (continued)	6
Apr. 6	Stock Valuation MID-TERM EXAM II @ April 10 Friday 17:40	7
Apr. 13	Risk and Return I	7
Apr. 20	Risk and Return II (note: No classes on April 23, Thursday)	11
Apr. 27	Capital Budgeting I (note: May 1, Friday No Classes)	12
May 4	Capital Budgeting I (continued) Spring Festival May 7-9	8
May 11	Capital Budgeting II	9
May 20-28	Final Exam Week (Exam Date: TBA)	

IMPORTANT DATES	
9 February	Course add/drop deadline
15 May	Withdraw deadline (Last day of classes)
18 May	Students who do not qualify to take final exams (FZ grades) announced
1 June	Grades announced
2 June	Retake exam application deadline