

VALENCIA COLLEGE
West Campus
SYLLABUS

Principles of Finance - FIN 2000 ONLINE
CRN 22446 Term: Spring 2018

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A study of business finance in the American economy, money, monetary systems, monetary standards, flow of funds, sources of funds, money markets, capital markets, savings, channeling savings into investments, corporate financial structures, financing large or small businesses, financing real estate, public finance, fiscal policies, international finance and international financial policies.

Credit Hours: 3 No Prerequisites
Class Format: Online

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1	Introduction to finance
2	Money and interest rates
3	Time value of money
4	Financial statements. cash flow and taxes
5	Analysis of financial statements
6	Basics of capital budgeting
8	Managing working capital

9	Short-term business financing
10	Risk and rate of return
11	Capital structure and the cost of capital
12	Stocks and the markets and trading securities
13	Distributions to stockholders
14	Annuities and bonds
15	International trade and finance

TEXTBOOK: *FINANCE Foundations of financial institutions and management*, 1st Edition ISBN 470-39214-2 by Ronald W. Melicher and Edgar A. Norton, with Laura Town. Calculator with financial functions is helpful. Basic knowledge of excel is important. This course reinforces the following CLAST and Valencia Student competencies as outlined in the 2017-18 Valencia College Catalog.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Students are expected to adhere to the Valencia College Policy #6HX28:08-11. Consult the Valencia College Catalog. The policy can be located at the following link: <http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=193&volumeID1=8&navst=0>

Students are required to do their own work. Should a student plagiarize or cheat in any way, the policy and consequences in this class will entail the student receiving an "F" on the assignment. A subsequent occurrence will result in an "F" for the course.

Student Code of Conduct (Policy #6HX28:0803): Students will be expected to behave in a manner that encourages respect in our "classroom" and will be expected to adhere to Valencia College Policy.

MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to understand and document the basic financial principles including financial statements and the analysis thereof. Assessment of this knowledge will be through the student's class discussions and written report of a publicly traded corporation's financials and analysis of those financials, which the student has selected from his interest base.

Students will understand capital budgeting, risk analysis, working capital, the cost of capital and the time value of money. Working sample problems and analyzing the results to be turned in thru homework assignments will accomplish assessment of these areas.

Students will understand and document basic knowledge of stocks, bonds, and the relationship of risk and return. The researching of a selection of stock and bonds in different industries and explaining, through a brief analysis and the computing of formulas, the results found concerning risk and return will provide the assessment in this area.

These Major Learning Outcomes will be assessed through exams, homework, and discussions.

STUDENT CORE COMPETENCIES:

Valencia's Student Core Competencies are complex abilities that are essential to lifelong success. These general competencies can be applied in many contexts and must be developed over a lifetime. They specify how learning can be expressed and assessed in practice. They enable students and faculty to set learning goals and assess learning within and across the many disciplines of human inquiry.

Think - Think clearly, critically and creatively. Analyze, synthesize, integrate, and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry.

Value - Make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments.

Act - Act purposefully, reflectively, and responsibly.

Communicate - Communicate with different audiences using varied means.

For more information, please see the Valencia College Course Catalog.

OSD Notification:

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodation based on appropriate documentation of disabilities (West Campus SSB 102, ext. 1523).

ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

No Show Period/drop with refund deadline: If a student does not “attend” class between January 8th and January 18th, the student will be withdrawn as a “No Show”. In an online course, attendance is taken weekly and is determined by timely submission of assignments.

Regarding the withdrawal policy, a student is permitted to withdraw from a class on or before the withdrawal deadline as published in the College calendar. That date for the Spring 2018 semester is March 30th, 2018, 11:59 pm, in order to receive a "W" in the class. A student is not permitted to withdraw from a class after the withdrawal deadline. The professor is permitted to withdraw a student from the class for violation of the professor's attendance policy with written notification to the student prior to the beginning of the final exam period as published in the faculty member's syllabus.

Keep in mind, a student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline. If you continue in the course beyond the withdrawal date, you will be assigned the letter grade you have earned in the class. Faculty MAY withdraw a student up to the beginning of the final exam period for violation of the class policy, and, if so a grade of "W" will be assigned. A student who withdraws from a class before the withdrawal deadline will receive a grade of "W." A student who is withdrawn by a professor will receive a grade of "W." A student who is withdrawn for administrative reasons at any time will receive a grade of "W" or other grade as determined in consultation with the professor. Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of "F". Final course grades of "A", "B", "C", "D", or "F" shall be assigned based upon the student's academic achievement upon the completion of all course work, including the required final examination.

COMMUNICATION:

All communication in this course is formal. Formal rules of English, including punctuation, capitalization and grammar apply to all submissions, including email. Class participants will observe the rules of internet etiquette. The informal general discussions are the preferred method of communication. It should be used to ask questions about assignments. Email should be used for questions relating to Exam questions and grading.

EVALUATION:

There will be a mid-term and a final exam, assignments for each chapter, and a discussion board posting requirement for each chapter. Please review the Course Outline that is part of the Syllabus for this class. It provides a week-by-week schedule of the requirements. The Course Outline also has a chart that provides you the points required for each corresponding grade.

Below are some additional details:

Discussions:

There is a discussion for each chapter. The points assigned to each chapter are provided in the Course Outline for this class. The Discussions are available within the Content section in Blackboard. To receive credit for the discussion board requirement, you are to post an original substantive comment to the content posted for that chapter's discussion. Then, you are to post substantive comments to at least two (2) classmates' original postings for the chapter. Substantive means a minimum of 50 words (as counted by MSWord) reinforcing or repudiating the classmate's posting. Do this on the Blackboard discussion board for each of the chapters. You are to do this during the week that the chapter is listed in the syllabus. Late postings will not be given credit. You will have until 11:59 pm on the Sunday evening of the week that the chapter is assigned. Should extenuating situations occur that will prohibit timely submission of an assignment, you must contact the professor **prior to the deadline** to discuss alternatives.

Homework:

There is homework for each chapter. As with the Discussions, the points allotted for each homework assignment is provided on the Course Outline for this class. The homework assignments are placed in Blackboard under the Content title section, displayed by Chapter number. You will "see" the assignments as the Chapter comes up for study.

To receive credit for the homework assignments, your work is to be submitted through Blackboard and please keep in mind, the time period for each "week" is 10am on Mondays until 11:59pm on Sundays.

Exams consist of essays, multiple choice questions, as well as answers to mathematical questions. All assignments and exams will be submitted through Blackboard.

No credit will be given for calculation questions without your calculations accompanying your submission. These must be in Excel, or written neatly and carefully and then scanned and sent to me. Neatness counts here.

Disclaimer

The schedule, procedures, and assignments are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. However, any such change will be clearly announced. Such changes are designed to deal with unforeseen circumstances that arise during the course. The changes will be intended to benefit the student and will not significantly add to the rigor of the course.