BUS 290 (001): Introduction to Finance  
Winter Session 2019  
Course Outline

Class Time: TR 8:30 – 9:45AM (ED 616)

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Course Objective and Content

The course objective is to introduce students to basic finance concepts including financial markets; accounting statements and cash flows; the major features of equity and debt; the time value of money and net present value; securities valuation; capital budgeting and risk/return analysis.

PREREQUISITES:

BUS 100, STAT 100 and BUS 285.

Text

The course text is Corporate Finance, Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe, Roberts (2015:7th Canadian Edition). Lectures will closely follow the Textbook format and materials. Class will be taught from the 7th Edition, students using past editions do so at their own risk.

Grading

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**Class Attendance and Contribution:**

Attendance will be taken periodically and will weigh heavily on Class participation marks. Students are expected to come to class well-prepared and are encouraged to participate in class discussions. Students who cannot attend a class should advise me prior to the class. Should you miss more than 5 classes you will not be allowed to write the final exam and you will receive a grade of incomplete. You must pass the final exam in order to pass the class.

**Financial Calculator:**

Students should have a financial calculator that can do complex financial calculations (e.g. Net Present Value, Annuities). Recommended calculator is Texas Instruments BA II plus.

**Special Needs:**

Students with disabilities and need special accommodations should contact me, as well as the Coordinator of Special Needs Services at 585-4631.

**Note on Exams:**

For the Mid-Term Exam, students will be responsible for all material previously covered in class, as well as the assigned text chapters and problems. The Final Exam will be based on the entire term work, but those topics and materials covered subsequent to the Mid-Term will be given additional emphasis. Students who cannot attend an exam should advise me accordingly as early as possible. Deferred exams can only be granted by the Faculty or Business and in exceptional circumstances. You must pass the final exam in order to pass the class.

**Assignments**

The assignments are designed to prepare for exams. Students experiencing difficulties with assignments are encouraged to contact me, after thoroughly reading the text and reviewing class notes. Students must hand in assignments at the beginning of class. Assignments submitted after the beginning of class will be considered late and assessed a penalty of -25%. **No assignments will be accepted after the end of class on the day that they are due.**

**Intellectual Integrity**

Students enrolled in Business courses at the University of Regina are expected to adhere rigorously to principles of intellectual integrity. Plagiarism is a form of intellectual dishonesty in which another person's work is presented as one’s own. Plagiarism or cheating on examinations/assignments is a serious offence that may result in a zero grade on an assignment, a failing grade in a course, or expulsion from the University. As well, having a phone on your person or talking during an exam will result in automatic zero for the exam.

**Presentations**

Groups of 3-4 will be assigned in January. Group presentations will last 20 minutes. Topics relevant to the field of finance are to be chosen by students and submitted for approval prior to February 28. Students are required to be present for all presentations and final exam questions will reflect presentation content. The purpose of presentations is to get experience working with others and to enhance your mark. It is not to make up for poor exam performance. Therefore if you do not pass the final exam, you will receive no presentation mark and grade will be added to the final.

**Case Briefs**

Case Briefs are to be a maximum of one page and will be handed in at the beginning of class on case days. The purpose of these assignments is to prepare students for class discussion. They will not be graded or returned, only scored pass or fail.
TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

You will find that the course progresses quickly and the material covered builds on earlier material. It is important to stay current in your studies; otherwise, you will not understand the new material as it is presented. This is a guideline only and the schedule will definitely change. Cases, guest lectures and selected topics will be announced in class.

Week 1 (Jan 8&10): Ch.1. Introduction to Corporate Finance

Week 2 (Jan 15&17): Ch.2. Accounting Statements and Cash Flows

Week 3 (Jan 22&24): Ch.4. Financial Markets and NPV

Week 4 (Jan 29& Jan 31): Ch.5. The time value of money

Week 5 (Feb 5&7): Ch.6. How to Value Bonds and Stocks

Assignment #1 Due FEB 7

Week 6 (Feb 12&14): Chapters 5 and 6 continued

Midterm Exam – Feb 14

Week 7 (Feb 19&21): Winter Break - No Class

Week 8 (Feb 26&Feb 28): Ch.7. Net Present Value and Other Investment Rules

Week 9 (Mar 5&7): Ch.8. Net Present Value and Capital Budgeting

Week 10 (Mar 12&14): Ch.10 Capital Markets History

Week 11 (Mar 19&21): Ch.11 Risk and Return: The CAPM

Assignment #2 Due March 21

Week 12 (Mar 26&28): Ch.15. Long term Financing & Presentations

Week 13 (April 2&4): Presentations

Week 14 (Apr 9&11): Presentations and Course Review

Final Exam – Apr 25, 9:00am

Welcome to Finance!
Feeling Stressed? Always worried?  
Some stress is normal when you’re going to university but 1 in 5 students will suffer from enough distress that they would benefit from counselling.

What can I do?
The U of R offers several counselling services free of charge for students at the U of R. These sessions are confidential and easy to access for students – simply go to the second floor of Riddell, Room 251 to make an appointment.

When should you go?
Knowing when to schedule an appointment can be tough.
Some common issues you might need help with include test anxiety, if you’ve experienced a trauma like losing a family member or a close friend, or if you’ve recently ended a relationship.

If the feelings you’re experiencing are more intense and severe counselling services can also provide urgent service within 3 days and referrals as needed.

What options are available for me?

**Personal Counselling** – This is a great option if you’d like one on one attention for things like anxiety and panic, relationship conflict, depression, grief and loss, academic issues, body image and substance abuse. Up to 5 sessions are free per semester. Try it – talking about your problems can be more helpful than you might think!

**Group Counselling** – Simply put, you’re not alone. Many students are experiencing the same things as you. The U of R offers a wide variety of group counselling opportunities that can help teach many skills for managing your mental health, including: Meditation and relaxation, Healthy relationships, Stress Management and Self-Care.
But I can’t afford counselling…
Seeking counselling doesn’t have to be cost prohibitive. Many students can benefit from the 5 free sessions offered by the University as a benefit of being a student.

If you need more sessions make sure you contact URSU and visit www.iHaveAPlan.ca. Many expenses that are related to mental health, including going to a psychologist, are partially covered by your Student Health and Dental Plan!

What else can I do?

Self-care - taking better care of yourself, can help you out. Eating better, working out, smoking and drinking less and balancing school with fun can all help with mental health!
Have a problem but don’t know how to fix it?
URSU’s Student Advocate can help you free of charge!

- Academic Appeals
- Disciplinary Appeals
- Student Loan Appeals
- E-mail advocate@ursu.ca to schedule an appointment today!