MBA 790   Foundations of Financial Management
<mark>**On-Line Course**</mark>
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Objective and Overview: This course is intended to provide a market-oriented framework for analyzing the major types of financial decisions made by corporations. Lectures and readings will provide an introduction to operation and efficiency of financial markets and the financial decisions of firms.

Textbook: *Corporate Finance*, 2015, 7th Canadian edition, by Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe and Roberts published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Course requirements: The course grades are based on the following standard weighting:

	weight	Remark
Mid-term exam	20%	9–10:30 am, Feb. 10, 2017, Friday
Final exam	45%	*9 am–12 noon, April 18, 2017, Tuesday
Cases	15%	
Assignments/quizzes	10%	
Participation	10%	
Note: *tentative schedule. To be announced by the Registrar's office		

For grading, I will follow the grading system in the graduate academic calendar (Grading):

   95-100:   An exceptional performance
   90-94:   An outstanding performance
   85-89:   An excellent performance
   80-84:   A very good performance
   75-79:   A good or satisfactory performance
   70-74:   A minimally acceptable performance or marginal pass
   0-69:   An unacceptable or failing performance

All exams are cumulative. Materials for exam will include all topics discussed in lecture which could be in lecture notes, quiz, assigned questions and additional readings. Materials in the textbook that are not covered in one of the above sources will not be on the exam.

Alternative exam weight: I offer an alternative weight of 10%-55% which are applied to mid-term and final exam. I will take the higher mark of the two grading schemes.

Microsoft Excel: Basic knowledge in Excel is required. Students will use Excel for more complicated financial calculations, e.g., for finding the present value, and yield to maturity.

Absence from exams: If you miss exams without legitimate reasons (as defined in the Academic Calendar), you will get a zero mark for the missed exam. If you miss exam with legitimate reasons, the following rules apply, provided that you submit ***within three business days*** from exam date

> (i) an email or a note to explain your absence from exam and
> (ii) documents to substantiate your absence from the exam (i.e., doctor's note).

If you do not submit (i) and (ii) ***within three business days*** from exam date, you will get a zero mark for the missed exam.

- Missing mid-term exam: the weight will move to remaining exam.
- Missing final exam: You must get approval from the Faculty for a deferred exam.

Reviewing and regrading of exam: I will post detailed solution to the exam. It is a student's responsibility to compare exam with the solution. You may submit a request for re-grading. All requests for re-grading must be in writing. Submit the request with your exam within ***five business days*** from the first day I post the exam mark. Late submissions will not be accepted. I reserve the right to re-grade entire exam.

Cancellation of exam: A request for change in exam mark after the fact, when an examination has been written and the paper handed in for marking, will be denied. If a student reports extenuating circumstances after the exam to change the weight on the exam, to cancel the exam, to re-take the exam, or to supplement the course grade with additional work, such requests or similar requests will not be entertained.

Academic misconduct: Any acts of plagiarism, cheating or misrepresentation are viewed as serious offences within the University community. See Academic conduct and misconduct.

Quizzes and assignments: All assignments must be typewritten, unless instructed otherwise. Late submissions will be penalized at the rate of 10% for each hour of lateness.

Pre-requisite material: I require students to be familiar basic concepts in accounting, statistics and mathematics. It is your responsibility to refresh your memory on topics covered in those basic material. Note that free tutoring service is available at the Student Success Centre at Room 230 Riddell Centre.

Course topics: The list is provided to give you a full "menu" of possible topics. *We will **not** be able to cover all topics below*. Any changes will be announced on URCourses.

Part I	Overview		
	Introduction to corporate finance	1	skim
	Financial statements, taxes, and cash flow	2	skim
Part II	**Value and Capital Budgeting**		

	Time value of money	5	
	How to value bonds and stocks	6	
	NPV and other investment rules	7	
	NPV and capital budgeting	8	
Part III	**Risk and Return**		
	Risk and Return: market history	10	
	Risk and Return: CAPM	11	
	Risk, return and capital budgeting	13	
	Efficient capital markets	14	
Part IV	**Topics in finance**		
	Issuing equity securities to the public	20	
	Capital structure	16 & 17	
	Dividends and other payouts	19	

Office Hours: 9 am –10:30 am, Tuesday

How to Reach Me:
- Contact me during office hours.
- Make an appointment. Send me an email at youngsoo.kim@uregina.ca.

URCourses: I will extensively use URCourses. Students are responsible to check URcourses frequently to obtain lecture notes and other materials.

Emails: My email address is youngsoo.kim@uregina.ca. I will try to respond to your emails in one business day. Please **put "MBA 790" in the subject line**. If not, my response could get significantly delayed.   **Do not send emails from URCourses**. I do not use the URCourses email.

Recording of lectures: The recording of lectures is solely for the personal use of the student to enhance their understanding of the material. Students are not allowed to reproduce or transmit any part of the recordings in any form or by any means.

Special Needs Services: For those of you with special needs, contact within the next two weeks the Coordinator of Special Needs Services at 585-4631 and me to discuss accommodation of your needs.