

## **COURSE SYLLABUS - FIN 537**

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REQUIRED TEXT: *Corporate Finance: A Focused Approach* by Michael C. Ehrhardt and Eugene F. Brigham, 2nd. Edition, Dryden Press, 2002.

CALCULATOR: All students are required to have a business calculator. The instructor will be using the Texas Instrument BA II Plus Professional calculator. Note: Please be sure to have a calculator on first class day.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Financial framework of principles and selected cases in analysis for financial policy making, financial decision making, and financial interpretations at various levels in the organization.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To develop an understanding of and ability to utilize the financial Principles as applied to the Management of Funds, Capital Budgeting, Sources of Funds, Techniques of Financial Analysis, Cost of Capital, Capital Structure and International Finance.

CLASS MEETINGS: Classroom SH 135, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:00-5:50p.m.for two weeks with the first on campus class meeting on Monday, August 07, 2007 and the last on campus meeting August 18, 2007.

WEB-BASED SESSIONS: Either one or two assignments will be due over each chapter on the web-based portion of the course. Students will be required to read assigned chapters in the text and then to complete the assignment(s) for those chapters. Assignments will be graded and grades will be posted to the Grade Book on Blackboard, within 10 days of the receipt of the assignment(s). The Final Exam will be an open book final covering the web-based portion of the course.

Blackboard Course Documents will be utilized for this course to post the Course Syllabus, and Course Lecture Notes. The Discussion Board will be used for friendly reminders concerning due dates for cases or other materials which are coming due.

Students are encouraged to check Blackboard regularly during the times they are preparing assignments/cases and to interact with other students and the instructor as they may desire. If you have questions others may have similar questions and others may have some of the answers you seek.

TEACHING METHOD: For the on campus portion of the course, Lecture, Class Discussion,

Problem Solving and Case Study will be utilized. For the web-based portion of the course students will, read the assigned chapters in the text and the lecture notes on Blackboard, and must solve the assigned problems and or cases. Assigned problems and case solutions must be submitted via e-mail attachment.

COURSE EVALUATION: There will be one examination given at the end of the on campus portion of the course and a final examination at the end of the web-based portion. These exams will make up 40% of the total points possible for the course. The balance of the grade will come from assignments.

Exam # 1	200 points
On Campus Problems/Case	200 points
Off Campus Problems/Cases	400 points
Final Exam	<u>200 points</u>
Total	1000 points

The usual 90% or higher is an A, 80%-89.9% is a B, 70%-79.9% is a C, and below 70% is a F.

### ON CAMPUS PORTION OF THE COURSE

#### DATES

#### SUBJECT

August 7	Chapter 1: Overview of Financial Management and Chapter 2 (Time Value of Money)
August 9	Chapter 2 (Continuation of Time Value)
August 11	<b>Chapter 2 Assignments Due</b> , Chapter 10 (The Basics of Capital Budgeting),
August 15	<b>Chapter 10 Assignments Due</b> , Chapter 5 (Risk and Return)
August 17	<b>Chapter 5 Assignment Due</b> ; Chapter 6 (Bond Valuation) and Chapter 7 (Stock Valuation) <b>Note: Assignments on Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 due on the web portion of the course</b>
August 19	Examination over Chapters 1, 2, 5 and 10

### WEB-BASED PORTION OF THE COURSE

April 7	<b>Chapters 6 and 7 Assignments Due</b> , Chapter 3 (Taxes) Reading Assignment
April 21	<b>Assignment on Chapter 3 Due</b> , and Chapter 4 (Analysis of Financial Statements) Reading Assignment
May 5	<b>Assignment on Chapter 4 Due</b> , Chapter 9 (Cost of Capital) Reading Assignment
May 19	<b>Assignment of Chapter 9 Due</b> , Chapter 12 (Financial Planning and Forecasting Financial Statements Reading Assignment)
June 2	<b>Assignment of Chapter 12 Due</b> , Chapter 14 (Capital Structure Decisions Reading Assignment)
June 16	<b>Assignment of Chapter 14 Due</b> , Chapter 17 (Multinational Corporate Finance Reading Assignment)
June 30	<b>Assignment of Chapter 17 Due. Final Examination over the on-line portion of the course is on Blackboard and may be accessed by</b>

**students**

**July 14**

**Final Examination is due (to be turned in via e-mail to the instructor)**

*AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:* SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

*STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:* Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). This request must be made in the first fifteen days of the semester in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable time frame in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.