

Governors State University
College of Business and Public Administration

Course Number & Title: FIN 801 A. Problems in Financial Management
Session: Fall Trimester 2000 – Block I
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Credit Hours: 3

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Catalog Description :

Covers the problems faced by the financial officer in management of funds in the business firm. Emphasizes developing skills and techniques to implement capital expenditure policies, solving short – term and long term financing problems, and establishing dividend policies.

Prerequisites: FIN 301, MATH 355, STAT 361

Textbook: Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe: Corporate Finance
5th Edition, Irvan, McGraw Hill, 1999

Periodicals: Wall Street Journal:
Investors Daily
Financial Management Journal
Journal of Finance
Financial Analysts Journal

Rationale:

Business administrators have a responsibility to recognize the goals and objectives set forth for their specific industrial institutions.

In order to achieve institutional goals and objectives, the administrator must be able to obtain funds and utilize them appropriately to physical assets and human resources, thereby enabling

The individual to utilize his talents and abilities within the economic society in which he/she lives.

Application of financial and administrative knowledge to specific business situations will stimulate the administrator's ability in his knowledge of the financial decision – making policy formulation process.

Performance Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student is able to:

1. Outline the advantages and limitations of various short-term and long-term financial instruments.
2. Evaluate the appropriateness of alternative financial structures.
3. Evaluate the appropriateness of alternative dividend policies.
4. Understand the advantages and disadvantages of corporate share repurchase.
5. Determine the cost of capital.
6. Apply the procedures used in the management of liquid assets.
7. Appreciate the viewpoints of the borrowers and lenders in loan negotiations.
8. Comprehend the analysis necessary for mergers and acquisitions.
9. Determine and evaluate alternative cash flows using capital budgeting techniques.

Course Evaluation Information:

Evaluation:

Midterm I	25%
Midterm II	25%
Final	40%
Assignments	10%

There will be **no** make-up exams. Late assignments will **not** be accepted. After **two** Class absences, **2% point is subtracted** for each class missed.

Traditional Grading Scale:	90 - 100 = A
	80 – 89 = B
	70 - 79 = C
	60 - 69 = D
	20 - 59 = F

Syllabus statement for Persons with Disabilities:

It is the intention of the institution to support full participation of all students, regardless of physical ability level. Therefore, if any student needs consideration of his/her physical abilities in order to complete the course, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Course Schedule

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8/31	1, 4, 5,	Introduction; NPV Capital
7/7	6, 7,	Capital Budgeting
9/14	9, 10	Capital Market Theory
9/21 After test	Midterm I 14	Chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10. L.T. Financing
9/28	15	Capital Structure
10/5	16	Dividends
10/12	18, 20	L.T. Debt
10/19	21, 22	Options; Warrants; C.V.B.
10/26 After test	Midterm II 25	Chapters 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22 Hedging
11/2	26, 27	Financial Planning
11/9	28, 29	Cash, Credit Management
11/16	30	Mergers
11/23	Happy Holiday	Thanksgiving
11/30	32	International Finance
12/7	Comprehensive	Final Exam Chapters 1- 32