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(and by appointment)  

OBJECTIVES:  
This course introduces the student to business finance topics such as: financial planning,  
risk and return, capital budgeting and capital structure, time value of money, and others.  
It also prepares students to initially interact in the field of finance. You will learn and  
review many tools, principles and procedures associated with business finance.  

COURSE PREREQUISITES:  
ECON 2020 or 2030, ISDS 2000, ACCT 2021 or 2101. Concurrent registration with the  
accounting courses is permitted.  

REQUIRED READING MATERIALS:  
Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 5th Edition, by S.A. Ross, R.W. Westerfield, and  
B.D. Jordan.  

RECOMMENDED & REQUIRED:  
1) The Wall Street Journal. The Journal is read by almost all members of the  
business community and is highly recommended.  
2) A financial calculator is required. The Hewlett Packard 12C is recommended.  

EXAMS:  
There will be 3 exams, the first 2 exams are not cumulative, except for the concept of  
the “time value of money”; however, the final is a cumulative exam.  

Students are responsible for attending all classes, and are encouraged to use financial  
calculators on the exams.
Students are responsible for taking the three scheduled exams except as excused under PS-22 (available on the LSU web). Viable excuses include documented sickness, death in the immediate family, or participation in university sanctioned activities.

**GRADING POLICY:**

Grades are based on the following schedule:

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- 90% and above: A
- 80% - 89%: B
- 70% - 79%: C
- 60% - 69%: D
- Less than 60%: F

Most of the concepts we cover are cumulative. Please keep up and please read the chapter before scheduled class lecture. This will help your understanding of the material.

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

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<td>Introduction to Corporate Finance,</td>
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<td>Long-Term Financial Planning and Growth</td>
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<td>The Time Value of Money</td>
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<td>Discounted Cash Flow Valuation</td>
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Course Outline, continued

March 11    Sock Valuation    Chapter 8
March 18    NPV and Other Investment Criteria    Chapter 9
March 25    Making Capital Investment Decisions    Chapter 10
April 1 – 7  **Spring Break**
April 8    Project Analysis and Evaluation    Chapter 11
April 15    Some Lessons from Capital Market History    Chapter 12

**EXAM 2**    **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

April 22    Return, Risk, and the SML    Chapter 13
April 29    Raising Capital, & the Cost of Capital    Chapter 15, 16
May 6    Short-Term Finance and Planning    Chapter 18
May 15    **FINAL EXAM** (Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00)

**SPECIAL PROJECT:**

The student will be required to analyze and follow a company throughout the semester. The second week of class, you will have to turn in a brief report about the company you have chosen to follow and why. A final report will be due the day of the final exam. This should be a brief analysis of the company (to be announced).

**Syllabus is Subject to Change**

University policy on Academic Dishonesty will be Strictly Enforced.