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SYLLABUS

FIN3137.E1 Business Finance
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COURSE INFORMATION:

FIN3137.E1 Business Finance
Level: Undergraduate
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, June 10, 2023
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, August 17, 2023
Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, June 10, 2023.

4th of July Holiday: There will be no classes held and no assignments due on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

ACC2111

TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Title: Practical Financial Management
Author: Lasher, William R
Publisher: Cengage Learning
Year Published: 2015
Edition: 8th
ISBN: 13: 9781305637542
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, www.Amberton.edu. There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

APA Requirement

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please

consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

COURSE COMPETENCIES:

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

The course is a survey course in financial management. Basic concepts such as security markets, interest rates, taxes, and risk/return valuation models are discussed as well as how financial management can be used to help maximize the value of a firm or household.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:

1. Evaluating the relationship between management and stockholders relative to shareholder wealth.
2. Describing and evaluating the forms of business organizations and their financial impact.
3. Evaluating and applying capital budget models in business investment decisions.
4. Evaluating and describing the characteristics of money and capital markets as sources of short-term and long-term funding.
5. Evaluating and analyzing the components of interest rate.
6. Performing financial projections in business financial planning.
7. Evaluating financial leverage and financial risk relative to the firm.
8. Evaluating corporate governance and ethics.
9. Analyzing the relationship between risk and return in relations to portfolio management.
10. Analyzing, evaluating, and interpreting financial statements and ratios as indicators for performance assessments and comparisons.
11. Calculating free Cash flows and performing valuation of assets.
12. Assessing the need for working capital management.
13. Analyzing the characteristics of Bonds and common stocks.
14. Evaluating and analyzing the different types of taxes.
15. Understanding variations in capital structure among firms relative to risk.
16. Analyzing dividend policy and the mechanics of dividend payments.

COURSE POLICIES:

Please carefully review the course outline and the deliverables. Ensure that you meet all the deadlines for assignments and deliverables. I will also recommend that you stringently follow the suggested timelines on the final project.

Student's Responsibilities

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped at the discretion of Amberton University.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Self-plagiarism means reusing work that you have already published or submitted for a class. It can involve:

- Resubmitting an entire paper
- Copying or paraphrasing passages from your previous work

Self-plagiarism misleads your readers by presenting previous work as completely new and original. Students may not submit the same paper in substance in two or more classes without prior written permission of the instructors involved.

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism and self-plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin "Draft Coach" is a Google based add-on to Turnitin which supports students in developing high-quality academic writing; and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach, helps address errors and improve the quality of student's writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work both in academics and in the workplace.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

This course covers the fundamentals of corporate finance. Students will be introduced to topics such as, accounting, and financial systems, financial analysis, financial planning, capital markets, capital budgeting techniques, company analysis, the term structure of interest rates, the relationship between risk and return,time value of money principles.

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
Week 1	1. Foundations. 2. Financial Background: A Review of Accounting, Financial Statements, and Taxes.		1,2	

Week 2	3. Cash Flows and Financial Analysis. 4. Financial Planning.	Quiz 1 – chaps 1, 2 Investment Tracking Report Due	3,4,5, 7, 10	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 3	5. The Financial System, Corporate Governance, and Interest 6. Time Value of Money.	Quiz 2 – Chapters 3 and 4 Investment Tracking Report Due	5,6	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 4	7. The Valuation and Characteristics of Bonds.	Quiz 3 – Chaps 5, 6 Article Review (6, 7, 8, 9	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
	8. The Valuation and Characteristics of Stock.	Topic must be based on any topic from chapters 1-7) Investment Tracking Report Due		
Week 5	9. Risk and Return. 10. Capital Budgeting.	Midterm Exam – Chaps 1 – 7 Investment Tracking Report Due	9, 10	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 6	11. Cash Flow Estimation. 12. Risk Topics and Real Options in Capital Budgeting	Quiz 4 – Chapter 9, 10	9, 10, 11	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 7	13. Cost of Capital 14. Capital Structure	Investment Tracking Report Due	11, 12, 13, 14	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 8	15. Dividends. 16. The Management of Working Capital		15, 16	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 9	17. Corporate restructuring	Investment Project Due	17	Due at 11:59 PM on the Last Day of the Assigned Week
Week 10		Final Exam (Chapters 9 – 17)		

GRADING CRITERIA:
Undergraduate

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded, and returned to the student in a timely manner along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are processed approximately one week after the last day of the session and may be located in the My Grades section of the online registration portal as well as being emailed to the student's Amberton University email. Amberton University staff will not release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their University email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information area*.

Incomplete Grades

An "I" (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an "I" be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An "I" which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an "F" grade.

How To Withdraw From a Course

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton's distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
 - Internet browser settings and configuration
 - e-mail and file attachments
 - Uploading and downloading files
 - Using a word processing package
3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:

Through the Amberton University Student Portal

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course

The student's assigned email address would be
Username@my.Amberton.edu Example: LJones-
Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith SSN: 123-
45-6789 Email Address = LJones-
Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: LJones-Smith789) and your Amberton ID#(including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google Gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your my.Amberton.edu email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal Gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

Students are responsible for reviewing the "Communication Guidelines" provided on the individual E-Course for specific instructor requirements.

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodlesystem. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the "Communication Guidelines" of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

RESEARCH RESOURCES:

The Library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the Library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus.

Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the Library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the Library via email at Library@amberton.edu.

RESEARCH ACCESS:

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site (Amberton.edu) or the library site (Library.amberton.edu) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

Library Live Chat Feature

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, “How-to” videos, or in person. The Library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 136, 137, or 138. You can email questions to library@amberton.edu or visit the Library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.