

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**e-COURSE SYLLABUS**

**FIN6186.E1 Managerial Finance**  
**Winter 2026**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

FIN6186.E1 Managerial Finance

Level: Graduate

Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Ending Date of Session: Thursday, February 26, 2026

**Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, December 6, 2025.**

***Winter Holiday Break:***

***Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through Friday, January 2nd, 2026.***

***(Classes resume on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026)***

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

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

None

**TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Title: Principles of Managerial Finance with MyLab Finance  
Author: Zutter, Chad and Smart, Scott  
Publisher: Pearson  
Year Published: 2021  
Edition: 16<sup>th</sup> Edition  
ISBN: 13: 9780136971238  
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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*, (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

### **COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

The Managerial Finance course provides an understanding of the theory and practices underlying sound financial decisions in domestic and global business organization. Topics include financial markets, determinants of interest rates, cash flow analysis, investing portfolios, asset pricing models, and capital budgeting.

The course helps students to understand and evaluate the theories and practices underlying sound financial decisions in domestic and global business organizations. Topics taught in the course include financial markets, interest rates, cash flow analysis, capital structure, asset pricing models, financial statements, and capital budgeting.

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

1. Understanding the role of finance in financial decision-making
2. Demonstrating the ability to analyze financial statements and ratios and their application in assessing the performance of the firm
3. Evaluating investment opportunities and measurements of financial assets using time value of money concepts
4. Applying sensitivity analysis, scenario analysis, and break-even analysis to evaluate capital projects
5. Understanding risk and return and their application in the valuation of financial instruments
6. Demonstrating the ability to measure and apply the Weighted Average Cost of Capital
7. Demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of Capital Structure and how it affects optimal capital structure
8. Demonstrating knowledge in the valuation of debts securities and their impact on overall risk
9. Demonstrating a comprehensive knowledge in the applications of Corporate Valuation and Capital Budgeting
10. Demonstrating a comprehensive knowledge in the applications of Time Value of Money
11. Understanding the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in finance business decision-making

### **ACQUIRED SKILLS:**

1. Time Value of Money
2. Financial Statement Analysis
3. Financial Planning

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

I have specific guidelines regarding late submissions to ensure fairness and maintain academic standards. Discussion questions are a critical component of our course, with an initial response required by Monday and two peer responses due by the following Friday each week. It's important to note that late submissions for discussion questions will not be accepted under any circumstances, emphasizing the importance of timeliness in these interactive components of the course.

For MyLab Finance assignments, the due date is set at Friday 11:59pm each week. I understand that sometimes unforeseen circumstances can arise, so late submissions for these assignments will be accepted, but with a penalty. A deduction of 5% per day will be applied for each day the assignment is late. However, to maintain the integrity of the course timeline, no written assignments will be accepted if they are more than seven days late.

Examinations, including the midterm in Week Five and the final exam in Week 10, are critical assessments in this course. Late submissions for these exams are generally not permitted. However, in cases of extreme extenuating circumstances, students may request an exception. Such requests must be made in advance and will require a discussion with me, the professor, to assess the situation. Approval for late exam submissions is not guaranteed and is contingent upon this discussion.

Lastly, in special cases, a grade of incomplete may be granted. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 70% of the coursework with a passing grade. Granting of an incomplete is a discretion that I hold as

the professor and will be based on a careful consideration of the student's extenuating circumstances. This option is intended to provide flexibility while ensuring that the majority of the course requirements are met. This policy is designed to balance the need for structure with compassion for individual student circumstances, and I encourage all students to communicate proactively about any challenges they may face in meeting these deadlines)

### ***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. A Student in a lecture course missing more than 20% (two class periods for weekday classes or one class period for Saturday classes) of the class meetings may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

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 assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn 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.

Amberton University students who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content must adhere to the following policies:

**Originality:** Students must avoid presenting AI generated content as their own original work. It is essential to acknowledge the involvement of AI in the content creation process in order to maintain academic and ethical standards.

**Paraphrasing:** When using AI generated content, students must rephrase and/or modify the generated text. Paraphrased AI generated content should also be properly cited.

**Acknowledgement:** When using AI generated content in any assignment, proper credit must be given to the AI system that generated the content. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

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:**

(In this Managerial Finance course, students will engage in a series of structured activities designed to build practical knowledge and analytical skills in financial decision-making. Each week, students will participate in discussion questions that encourage interaction with peers and exploration of key financial topics. These discussions are intended to promote critical thinking, collaborative learning, and the application of financial theories to real-world scenarios.

Students will also complete weekly assignments focused on areas such as financial statement analysis, time value of money, capital budgeting, and cost of capital. These assignments provide opportunities to apply technical skills, conduct quantitative analysis, and interpret financial data to support strategic decisions.

Assessment in this course will take place through Pearson MyLab Finance. This platform offers a range of exercises and quizzes that reinforce learning through interactive problem-solving and immediate feedback. It allows students to demonstrate mastery of core financial tools and techniques in a structured and supportive environment.

By combining collaborative discussions, practical assignments, and technology-based assessment, this course offers a comprehensive approach to understanding managerial finance. Students will leave the course better equipped to analyze financial information, make informed decisions, and understand the financial drivers that influence organizational success.

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	Chapter 1: The role of managerial finance / Chapter 2: The financial market environment	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	1,11	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday

2	Chapter 3: Financial statements and ratio analysis	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	2,11	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
3	Chapter 4: Long- and short-term financial planning	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	3,11	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
4	Chapter 5: Time value of money	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	3, 10,11	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
5	Chapter 8: Risk and return	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and midterm exam	4,5,11	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignment and Midterm due by Friday
6	Chapter 9: The cost of capital	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	6,7,8,9	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
7	Chapter 10: Capital budgeting techniques	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	6,7,8,9	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
8	Chapter 11: Capital budgeting cash flows	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	6,7,8,9	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance

				assignments/quiz due by Friday
9	Chapter 12: Risk and refinements in capital budgeting	Weekly Discussion Question, MyLab Finance assignment and quiz	6,7,8,9	Initial DQ response is due by Monday, two peer responses due by Friday. MyLab Finance assignments/quiz due by Friday
10	Final Exam	Final Exam	1-10	Final Exam due by THURSDAY

#### GRADING CRITERIA:

Assignment	Points
Discussion Questions 10 x 50 points	500
MyLab Assignments 8 x 100 points	800
MyLab Quizzes 8 x 100 points	800
MyLab Midterm 1 x 100 points	100
MyLab Final Exam 1 x 100 points	100
Total	2,300

#### Graduate

92 – 100	A
82 – 91	B
72 – 81	C
62 – 71	D
Below 62	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 through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University’s main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the “Student Portal” link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

**Username** = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

\* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University’s records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789  
Username: JJonesJr789

**Password** = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi and Research Tutorials.

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: [e-sysop@amberton.edu](mailto:e-sysop@amberton.edu)

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or [advisor@Amberton.edu](mailto:advisor@Amberton.edu) for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send an email to your professor.

#### ***Through the Amberton University Moodle Website***

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

### **Moodle Tutorial:**

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

### **COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

### **Email Communication**

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system ([my.Amberton.edu](mailto:my.Amberton.edu)). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

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 Moodle system. 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](mailto: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](http://Amberton.edu)) or the library site ([Library.amberton.edu](http://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. 185. You can email questions to [library@amberton.edu](mailto:library@amberton.edu) or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.

### ***Microsoft Office 365 Education:***

Amberton University students have access to a license for Office 365 Education, a comprehensive suite of productivity tools. This package includes:

- Microsoft Word for document creation
- Excel for spreadsheets and data analysis
- PowerPoint for presentations
- OneNote for digital note-taking
- Microsoft Teams for collaboration
- Additional classroom tools to enhance your learning experience

To set up your student account and access these resources, please follow the instructions provided in our step-by-step guide: [https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Office365\\_Setup\\_Students.pdf](https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Office365_Setup_Students.pdf)

### ***Google Workspace for Education:***

All students are assigned a Gmail account in Google Workspace for Education.

To set up your student account and access these resources, please follow the instructions provided in our step-by-step guide: [https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Google\\_Drive\\_Students.pdf](https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Google_Drive_Students.pdf)

Once logged into your student account, you'll have access to a suite of tools designed to enhance your learning experience:

- Google Docs: Create and edit essays, reports, and other written assignments

- Google Slides: Develop engaging presentations for projects and class discussions
- Google Sheets: Perform data analysis, create charts, and manage calculations
- Google Drive: Store, organize, and easily access all your files in the cloud
- Google Calendar: Schedule study sessions, track assignment deadlines, and manage your academic timetable
- Google Keep: Take and organize quick notes during lectures or study sessions
- Google Meet: Attend virtual classes, participate in group study sessions, or meet with teachers
- Google Classroom: Access course materials, submit assignments, and receive feedback from instructors
- Google Forms: Create surveys for research projects or participate in class quizzes
- Google Sites: Build websites or digital portfolios to showcase your work