

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Finance Department

MBA 765 Financial Decision Making Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives

This is an introductory course in basic financial management. Particular emphasis will be placed upon the understanding and use of financial analysis and financial logic as well as learning finance terminology.

Course Prerequisite(s):

MBA 761 and admission to M.B.A. program, or approval of the Director of MBA Programs.

Required Text

Financial Management: Theory & Practice by Brigham & Ehrhardt, 14th edition 2014, Cengage Learning. This is a slightly older edition as there is a 15th edition and a 16th edition may have just come out. However, we will be using the 14th edition as it is still quite current and not significantly different than the 15th & 16th editions and will save you lots of money (Hey, this is a finance class)! It is probably best to buy this on the internet. I have seen used versions of the book selling for as little as \$20 at Amazon!

Lecture outlines available on WebCampus.

Required Equipment

Students need a financial calculator. The Department of Finance approved calculators are the Texas Instruments BA II (various models), HP 10b (various models), and the HP 12-C (various models). The visible presence of any other electronic device during examinations is expressly forbidden and will be considered academic dishonesty. I recommend students use one of the Texas Instruments BA II models as the use of this calculator will be explained as part of the course.

Additional Technology Needed

Due to this course being delivered 100% online, you will need to have acceptable technology. For this course you will need:

- A computer/laptop/tablet
- A web browser that is up to date

Canvas requires the following browser components:

Flash is required for media recording, streaming, viewing, and uploading.

The Java plug-in is required for several features in Canvas.

Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view documents in your browser.

Online Activity Expectations

The key to a successful course is active participation from both the instructor and students.

class is tightly focused around the material presented in class. The textbook provides a source to read about the materials covered in class. It also serves as a reference book with equations, and definitions among other things. We will not cover all topics in the textbook chapters and everything we discuss in class will not be found in the textbook. You will need to pay particularly close attention to the videos and use the textbook as reinforcement and to assist you

has been obtained from the professor. A zero will be assigned for exams that are missed without being excused by the instructor prior to the exam.

Grades can ~~be~~ be given over the telephone.



Letter grades are assigned as follows:

	$A \geq 92$	$90 \leq A^- < 92$
$88 \leq B^+ < 90$	$82 \leq B < 88$	$80 \leq B^- < 82$
$78 \leq C^+ < 80$		

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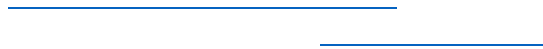
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