

Syllabus-BFIN 320  
Principles of Corporate Finance  
Gonzaga-in-Florence  
Fall 2010  
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13 weeks

Required *Textbook*: Hickman, Hunter, Byrd: *Foundations of Corporate Finance*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2001  
Recommended : Texas Instruments BAII Plus or Equivalent

#### Course objective

Principles of Finance is designed to provide a basic understanding of the principles to be used in financial decision making. In addition to these principles the course will focus on mathematical and analytical tools to continue advanced financial courses

#### Grading

A	92
A-	90-<92
B+	88-<90
B	82-<88
B-	80-<82
C+	78-<80
C	72-<78
C-	70-<72
D	60-<70
F	below 60

Up to 40 points will be given for two quizzes.

Up to 40 points will be given for the midterm

Up to 80 points will be given for the final

Up to 20 points will be given for timely submission of homework assignments

Up to 20 points will be given for class participation

Total 200 points

3 points will be deducted for each unexcused absence

Up to an additional 20 points will be offered for participating in the extra credit project

Week one 9/20-23

Chapter 1 and 2

A financial model of the corporation

Markets value and the firm

Week two 9/27-30

Chapter 3 and 4

Estimating cash flows

Time is Money

Week three 10/4-7

Chapter 4 cont

Time is money

Exam chapter 1-4 100 points

Week four 10/11-14

Chapter 5

Time Value Applications

Week five 10/18-21

Chapter 6

Risk and Return in Capital Markets

Week six 10/23-26

Midterm exams

European Issues

Week seven 11/1-11/4 11-1 holiday All Saints

Chapter 7

Capital budgeting: Investing to Create value

Week eight 11/8-11  
Chapter 8  
Cost of Capital  
Exam Chapter 5-8 100 points

Week nine 11/15-18  
Chapter 9  
Risk, Inflation, and the Corporate Capital Budget

Week ten 11/22-24 Holiday- Thanksgiving 11-25  
Chapter 10  
Capital Structure: Right Hand side decisions and the Value of the firm

Week eleven 11/29-12/2  
Chapter 11  
Dividend Policy  
Exam Chapter 9-11

Week twelve 12/6-9  
Chapter 12  
Short term Financial Management  
Chapter 13  
Financial Analysis: Evaluation of Corporate Performance

Week thirteen 12/13-16  
Review  
Final Exam 100 points