Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
College of Business  
Course Syllabus  
FINA 5320-001  

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**General Course Information**

**Course Description**
An expanded study of the theoretical framework of financial analytical principles including contemporary topics. Emphasis on the relevant theory and the application of theory to managerial problems. Applies concepts of corporate finance, accounting principles and quantitative analysis.

**Course Prerequisites**
FINA 5311 or equivalent

**Recommended Materials**
2. Study guide for 11th or 12th edition (BEST FOR MATH REVIEW FOR TEST 1&2)  
3. Financial Calculator (BA II + recommended)

**Learning Objectives**
1. Know the role and function of the financial sector participants including banks, investment banks, mutual funds, securities markets and corporations  
2. Understand interest rates and monetary policy including the term structure of interest rates and resulting yield curve  
3. Be able to perform security valuation using important valuation models and deriving the appropriate discount rates.  
4. Understand time value of money concepts, WACC, and capital budgeting techniques.  
5. Be able to analyze key financial statements  
6. Understand the function of management and role of corporate governance in firm success
Relationship to Other Coursework:
FINA 5320 is a capstone course integrating the mathematical and analytical tools acquired in lower level business courses. The principles of financial management in a corporate environment form a foundation for concepts in related finance courses including risk management, real estate, and financial markets and institutions. Although a corporate environment is emphasized in the course, basic principles are applicable in partnerships, proprietorships, and estate management.

Instructional Methodologies:
Instructional techniques include lectures and class discussion.

Performance Evaluation, Grading, and Course Policies
Student success in this course is a function of their willingness to work. Those students that take the initiative to attend class on a regular basis, do all required assignments, and study a reasonable length of time for exams will do very well.

The course grade is a function of NON-CUMMULATIVE material.

1. Exam 1 Average of In-Class plus Take-Home 100
2. Exam 2 IN-CLASS EXAM 100
3. Exam 3 Open book and handwritten notes 100

The standard alphabetical grading scale is employed where

A 90 - 100
B 80 - 89
C 70 - 79
D 60 - 69
F 0 - 59

I expect everyone to follow all rules of common courtesy during classroom lecture and discussion. The presence of cell phones and pagers along with disruptive items or actions are prohibited in the classroom.

Ethical Perspectives:
The management of business organizations requires individuals to make decisions based on their respective ethical values. These decisions and their ethical underpinnings are discussed throughout the course. In addition, securities analysis and trading may present ethical problems for both dealers and investors. While this course does not deal with securities law in depth, we will discuss such topics as insider trading, securities manipulation and fiduciary responsibilities.

Global Perspectives:
This course does not focus specifically on international finance and global operations. However, firms today operate in a global economy. Multinational corporations now dominate the domestic landscape.

Diversity:
Career opportunities for people of all genders and ethnic backgrounds are explored.
Attendance Policy:
Class attendance is mandatory and will be recorded. Every absence over 2 absences for night courses will result in a 3 point reduction in the final grade.

Academic Honesty:
This course, and all other courses offered by the College of Business (COB), requires all of its students to abide by the COB Student Code of Ethics (available online at [www.cob.tamucc.edu](http://www.cob.tamucc.edu)). Provisions and stipulations in the code are applicable to all students taking College of Business courses regardless of whether or not they are pursuing a degree awarded by the COB.

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