

Basic Philosophy

I always try to remember that I am first and foremost a teacher. As such, I am obligated to provide you with instruction that makes it possible for you to understand the covered subject material. My approach to all courses is predicated upon my belief that the best way to prepare you to successfully compete in the continuously changing business world is to focus on the application of financial theories and concepts. In introductory undergraduate courses my main concern is to prepare you to apply the most important financial concepts to solve common business problems. In major and graduate courses I encourage you to go beyond the simple application of financial methodologies and thoroughly comprehend the assumptions and “real-world” limitations of the procedures.

General Approach

In all of my courses, I first present the major concepts and theories. I then provide you with numerous example problems and situations that require you to apply the concepts, theories, and formulas encountered in the course since I am a firm believer that finance is learned by “doing.” The types of problems vary across courses and range from basic self-contained questions to case studies, business simulations, and “real-world” applications (such as compiling a financial statement analysis or calculating the cost-of-capital for an actual firm). I always try to reinforce coverage by continually reviewing previously covered material and illustrating how different concepts are related.

On-Line Materials

On my homepage you will find links for the courses I am presently teaching that include various materials such as lecture notes, PowerPoint slides, and example problems and solutions. All courses also have WebCT sites with additional resources such as sample exams that change each time they are taken.

Availability

Questions are always welcome both in and out of class. Posted office hours are listed on my syllabi, but I am in my office many other times and you are always welcome to “drop-in.” Also, feel free to phone or Email me.