FINC 4531-Intermediate Corporate Finance  
Expanded Course Outline-Summer 2014  
MTWRF, 12:30-2:45

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(You are WELCOME to drop in any time that I am in the office)

I. Catalog Description:

A study of the major financial tools and techniques through problem solving and case studies.

II. Required Background or Experience:

A. Prerequisite: FINC 3511  
B. Prerequisite Justification:

Basic knowledge of finance and present value needed in order to work with security valuation, risk/return trade off, capital budgeting analysis, financial data, security markets, financial instruments, and cost of capital analysis.

C. General Education (Core) Contribution:

The course uses the writing skills developed in English courses, oral skills developed in speech courses, mathematical methods and critical thinking acquired in mathematics courses. In addition, the course uses basic accounting knowledge gained in ACCT. 2201, 2202, legal knowledge from BUSA 2106, and familiarity with a spreadsheet program.

III. Expected Outcomes:

A. Improve communication effectiveness in oral and written presentations--LG 1, LO1.1  
B. Apply basic quantitative skills to business problems--LG2; LO2.2.

C. Have an understanding of political, legal, and ethical considerations that affect the economic environment and decision making in corporations--LG 5; LO5.1.
D. Develop the ability to read financial statements and financial information--LG 4, LO4.1.

E. Expand mastery of spreadsheet and word processing skill- LG3; LO2.2

F. Understand in detail financial principals, institutions, and management in corporate activities--LG 4; LO4.1

IV. Text and References:


Textbook decision made by instructor.

V. Special or Unique Student Material:

A financial calculator with a cash flow button is required. Examples: TI BAII plus, TI-83, TI-83 plus. Devices with a wireless connection (e.g. Iphone, Blackberry, Ipad) are not allowed for test taking.

Subscription or access to the Wall Street Journal

VI. Special or Unique University Facilities:

None

VII. Expanded Description of the Course and Instructional Method:

A. Expanded Description of the Course:

The course provides a conceptual framework within which key financial decisions, and risks relating to corporations are analyzed. This analysis considers shareholder wealth maximization, the firm=s relationship to its environment, interpretation of accounting data, use of present value analysis and capital budgeting, financial risk management through derivative securities, capital acquisition analysis, capital structure decision, valuation of financial instruments, and the dividend decision.

B. Instructional Methods:

Lecture and Problem Solving:

Topics in financial management are discussed in lectures presented by the instructor. During lectures, students contribute through their comments and their evaluation of analytical problems.
VIII. **Methods of Evaluating the Outcomes:**

A. **Evaluation Tools:** (approximate point basis)

- Midterm exams (2) 200 points
- Final Exam 100 points
- Quizzes/Projects As assigned

B. Extra Credit: There is no extra credit in this course beyond that explicitly stated in the course syllabus.

C. Work From Other Courses: Work submitted for credit in other courses will not be accepted for credit in this course.

D. **MY.WESTGA.EDU:** The policy of the University of West Georgia is that each student is responsible for checking his/her my.westga.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

E. **Administrative Policies**

1. Class attendance is highly encouraged

2. No makeup tests/quizzes

3. If you require any special conditions for attending class or taking tests, please notify the instructor during the first week of classes.

4. You are responsible for any administrative announcements (test information, schedule changes, etc.) that are made during class.

5. I prefer not to write recommendations for law school.

6. Finance is the most quantitative major in the core and depends heavily on accounting. If you did poorly in your math and accounting courses, finance is probably not the major for you.
### IX. Tentative Schedule

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**Final Exam:** Friday, July 25, (12:30-2:30) PM;  Last day to withdraw with W: July 12