



Course Specifications

Course Title:	Principles of Finance
Course Code:	FIN301
Program:	All undergraduate programs in the College of Business Administration
Department:	Department of Finance
College:	College of Business Administration
Institution:	Prince Sultan University

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A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 3
2. Course type
a. University <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Department <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Level/year at which this course is offered: 3 rd year
4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): ACC101
5. Co-requisites for this course (if any): N/A

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	60	100%
2	Blended	-	
3	E-learning	-	
4	Correspondence	-	
5	Other	-	

7. Actual Learning Hours (based on academic semester)

No	Activity	Learning Hours
Contact Hours		
1	Lecture	45
2	Laboratory/Studio	-
3	Tutorial	15
4	Others (specify)	-
	Total	60
Other Learning Hours*		
1	Study	30
2	Assignments	15
3	Library	-
4	Projects/Research Essays/Theses	-
5	Others (specify)	-
	Total	45

* The length of time that a learner takes to complete learning activities that lead to achievement of course learning outcomes, such as study time, homework assignments, projects, preparing presentations, library times

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Course Description

The course is an introduction to financial management and finance functions. Topics include financial analysis, time value of money, valuation, capital budgeting, and risk and return. This course is a prerequisite to all higher finance courses.

2. Course Main Objective

The main purpose of the course is to provide students with a basic financial literacy for them to be able to more easily understand the financial events or news happening in their day to day lives and in the business environments. It should also assist students to comprehend materials taught in other business courses and higher-level finance courses more easily.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

CLOs		Aligned PLOs
1	Knowledge:	
1.1	To describe the objective of the firm from the viewpoint of financial management, and various tools of investing and financing that firms use in order to achieve the above objective.	PLO1
1.2	To describe the components of financial statements and the variety of financial ratios derived from the financial statements.	PLO1
2	Skills :	
2.1	To evaluate investment and financing opportunities in a corporation, and to apply the concept of time value of money in valuing assets.	PLO1,PLO2
2.2	To differentiate between the different types of interest rates, and the components which make up the interest rates	PLO1, PLO2
3	Competence:	
3.1	To evaluate the outcomes of the valuation of financial securities as well firm's long-term projects.	PLO1, PLO2, PLO5
3.2	To assess investment opportunities, using the discounted cash flow and non-discounted cash-flow approaches.	PLO1, PLO2, PLO5

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1	Overview of the Course	4
2	Corporate Finance and the Financial Manager	4
3	Introduction to Financial Statement Analysis	6
4	Time Value of Money: An Introduction	4
5	Time Value of Money: Valuing Cash Flow Streams	8
6	Interest Rates	6
7	Bonds	6
8	Stock Valuation	8
9	Risk and Return in Capital Markets	6
10	Systematic Risk and the Equity Risk Premium	4
11	Review	4
Total		60

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge		
1.1	To describe the objective of the firm from the viewpoint of financial management, and various tools of investing and financing that firms use in order to achieve the above objective.	Lectures, tutorials, Online practice exercises, Quizzes	Participation, study plan, quiz, major and final exams
1.2	To describe the components of financial statements and the variety of financial ratios derived from the financial statements.	Lecture, tutorials, Online practice exercises, quizzes, HW and exams	Participation, study plan, homework, quiz, major and final exams
2.0	Skills		
2.1	To evaluate investment and financing opportunities in a corporation, and to apply the concept of time value of money in valuing assets.	Lecture, tutorials, Online practice exercises, quizzes, HW and exams	Participation, study plan, homework, quiz, major and final exams
2.2	To differentiate between the different types of interest rates, and the components which make up the interest rates	Lecture, tutorials, Online practice exercises, quizzes, HW and exams	Participation, study plan, homework, quiz, major and final exams
3.0	Competence		
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3.2	To assess investment opportunities, using the discounted cash flow and non-discounted cash-flow approaches.	Lecture, tutorials, Online practice exercises, quizzes, HW and exams	Participation, study plan, homework, quiz, major and final exams

2. Assessment Tasks for Students

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	Quiz 1	4	2%
2	Quiz 2	7	2%
3	Major 1	8	15%
4	Quiz 3	10	2%
5	Quiz 4	12	2%
6	Major 2	13	20%
7	Quiz 5	14	2%
8	Study Plan	Throughout semester	10%
9	Homework	Throughout semester	5%
10	Final Exam	16	40%

*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

1. At least 8 hours per week of student consultations and academic advice is provided.
2. A telegram group is formed where students could post their questions and get answers from the course coordinator and other students.
3. Students can ask the instructor about any practice question through MyLab Finance function “Ask My Instructor.”

F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. Learning Resources

Required Textbooks	Fundamentals of Corporate Finance 4th/e Global Edition, Berk, Jonathan; DeMarzo, Peter; Harford, Jarrad, Pearson Textbook ISBN-13: 9781292215075
Essential References Materials	-
Electronic Materials	MyLab Finance, LMS
Other Learning Materials	-

2. Facilities Required

Item	Resources
Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A classroom that accommodate up to 25 students 2. A computer lab for the major and final exams.
Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)	Smart-board or screen, whiteboard, computer, and internet access
Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list)	-

G. Course Quality Evaluation

Evaluation Areas/Issues	Evaluators	Evaluation Methods
Effectiveness of teaching and assessment	Student	Indirect
Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes	Student	Indirect
Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes	Faculty	Direct
Effectiveness of teaching and assessment	Peer Reviewer	Indirect

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

H. Specification Approval Data

Council / Committee	<i>Ayehasaw</i>
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