FINC 851  
Corporate Financial Analysis  
Fall Semester 2012

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Section  Days     Times   Building/Room
010  MW  9:30 – 10:45 AM  ALH 231

Office Hours:  MWF 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  MW 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Other times by appointment!

Course Description:
Examines major policy-making areas in corporate finance and the impact of alternative policies on the value of the firm. Emphasis is placed on strengthening financial decision-making skills. Advanced topics include capital investment policy, financing and capital structure policies, dividend policy, and corporate control.

Required Text(s):
3. Texas Instrument BA II Plus or Professional Calculator
4. The Wall Street Journal

Optional Material:

Prerequisites:
FINC 850 – Financial management.

Course Objectives:
1. To reinforce and extend the concepts and techniques you covered in Finc 850. In FINC 850 you were exposed to the key financial topics of Finance, but you probably did not learn enough to actually "do finance". After 851 however, you should be able to analyze a variety of financial problems, write up reports, and actually make decisions.

2. To help you sharpen your written and oral presentation skills. Executives consistently state that being able to communicate is absolutely critical to success in business. I agree completely, knowledge of finance is useless unless you can communicate your ideas, findings, and recommendations to others. You should come out of this course better able to communicate your ideas, project results and findings.

3. To help you work better in groups. Almost nothing in business is done except in a group environment, and people who cannot work in groups are doomed to failure. You will need to know how to motivate people who are working with or for you, and you will have to be able to work with others in a cooperative manner. Many of you will wish that you did not have to work in a group--it's easier to just do your own work at your own convenience. However, that's not the way the world is, and you need to learn this fact! The best case reports will be produced by cooperative teams, which discuss problems and help one another. Some of you will be good with EXCEL, others will be good writers, and some of you will be good at identifying and analyzing the relevant points in the cases. By combining those talents, the group can produce a better report than could one person working individually.
To help you develop an operational knowledge of EXCEL as it is used in financial management. Computers have become absolutely essential in most aspects of real world business finance. Most of you have been introduced to EXCEL in your required courses MIS courses, but you need to see a variety of actual applications so that when you graduate you will have a good idea of the types of problems that are suitable for spreadsheet analysis. You also need to see how relatively sophisticated models are constructed and used in business. If you have had no exposure to EXCEL, it is especially important that you learn something about it now! Therefore, we will make considerable use of EXCEL in the course.

I require that each student purchase a hand held calculator *(specifically the TI BAII PLUS / Professional)* which can do financial functions such as present value, future value, internal rate of return, annuities ... These calculators may be purchased at the campus bookstore. As future financial managers, you must be able to successfully use a financial calculator. Some of the problems, which we will do in class and for assignments, will be beyond the scope of the time value of money tables in your text book. Exam problems will also be designed around the use of a financial calculator and therefore, will make it necessary for you to have and use one. YOU MAY NOT USE PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS IN THIS COURSE!

Cases:
The class will be divided into (6 - 10) teams of 2 - 3 students per team (depending upon class size). Each team must prepare two (2) written case reports and make one (1) oral case presentation in class. There will be no free riding by team members. If team members think someone is not doing his or her fair share of the work, the team should meet as a group and try to work things out. If this fails, the team (individually or as a group) should see me. As part of your overall grade, each team member will make a written evaluation of all other team members concerning the level of work and participation. I can and will adjust grades for lack of effort and participation. Group Evaluations will only be seen by the instructor.

An additional handout concerning the case format and presentation will be given at a later date.

Attendance:
I may or may not take the roll, but I will call on people at random, and if you are not there when called on, and if you have not been excused, you will get a zero for the day. Don't skip class because you aren't prepared, If I call on you and you cannot answer the question, you get a 50% for the day instead of a Zero%. The call on system will be used for both the cases, current events reviews(WSJ) and the text material.

Please note: You are required to attend class on every day. I may take attendance each day. Any unexcused absences beyond two (2) will result in the loss of one (1) letter grade. I want to see your smiling faces!

Grading Policy:
Exam questions and quizzes will be drawn from both the textbook and class lectures.
This may include outside material.

Cases (write-ups and oral presentations) 50%
TVM exam, Quizzes, Misc & HW 5%
Two in-class & one Final Exam (15% each) 45%
Total 100%

** I will be using the plus (+) minus (-) grading system. The following are the break points for my grading scale:

- 90% to 100%  A  90% - 93%  A-
- 80% to 89%  B87% - 89%  B+  80% - 83% B-
- 70% to 79%  C  77% - 79%  C+  70% - 73% C-
- 60% to 69%  D  67% - 69%  D+  60% - 63% D-
- Below 60% OUCH!!! F

** The Final Exam will be scheduled during Final Exam week. The date and time will be provided to you when the final exam schedules are completed.

Unexcused absences will result in zeros on quizzes, exams, and random "call-ons". In the event of a conflict with an exam, the student must contact the instructor in advance of the exam. In the case of a death in the family or a serious illness, the instructor must be contacted prior to the exam. At that time the instructor will make a decision about a retest time.

Any questions concerning grades must be raised within:

1. One week after the exam/homework is returned to the class.
2. One month after the final grade is mailed to the student.

Additional Items:

1. Please show respect for your fellow classmates, by arriving in the classroom on time and by refraining from communication unrelated to finance during the class period.

2. Lectures are intended as a supplement to your readings; therefore, each chapter should be read at least twice -- once prior to the lecture and once subsequent to the lecture.

3. Office hours are scheduled for your benefit, please take advantage of them and come in to see me with your question

Key Dates:
Tuesday, Aug 28  Classes begin for the Fall semester 2012 @ 8:00 am
Monday, Sept. 3  Holiday-Labor Day – University Closed; classes suspended.
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<td>Last day to register or to add courses. After this a $25 processing fee will be charged for change of registration; students withdrawing from courses will receive a grade of “W” on permanent record.</td>
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<td>Sunday, Sept. 16</td>
<td>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown; continues next two days.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Sept. 25</td>
<td>Yom Kippur begins at sundown; continues following day.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Oct. 3</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Oct. 23</td>
<td>Last day to change registration or to withdraw from courses without academic penalty.</td>
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<td>Monday, Oct. 29</td>
<td>Registration begins for Winter Session 2013</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Nov. 6</td>
<td>Election Day – Classes suspended! GO VOTE!</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Nov. 7</td>
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<td>Thursday Nov. 15</td>
<td>Registration begins for Spring Semester 2013</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Nov 20</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break Begins after last class; classes end at 10 PM.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Nov. 21</td>
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<td>Monday, Nov. 26</td>
<td>Classes resume following Thanksgiving recess.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, Dec. 5</td>
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<td>Friday, Dec. 7</td>
<td>Final Exams begin</td>
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<td>Sat. &amp; Sun Dec. 8 – 9</td>
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<td>Friday, Dec. 14</td>
<td>Final Exams End. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday!</td>
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