Prerequisites: ACCT 2301 with a “C” or better and MATH 1320 with “C” or better or MATH 1409 with “C” or better or MATH 1410 with “C” or better or MATH 1508 with “C” or better.

Course Description:

Finance 3310 is designed to provide an overview of the field of business finance. It is a problem-solving course using concepts commonly used in the business community. Some of the areas of study are time value of money, capital budgeting, and capital structure. Our emphasis is the corporate business structure. This course is handled by primarily by lecture, but I encourage class discussion, question and answers by students. Some class time will be taken for problem solving sessions to better familiarize students with specific topics. Extra credit of a total average value of two and one-half percent (2.5%) will be possible. This is equal to one letter grade on a single test. The problems will be assigned at the end of each chapter. Volunteer students will put them on the board for credit. We then explain the solutions.

Grade Determination:

There will be a total of four exams: three hourly exams and a final. Each hourly exam will be twenty percent (20%) of the total grade. The final exam will be forty percent (40%) of the total points. Exams may be taken late if circumstances warrant, but a one-letter grade penalty will be assigned for the exercise of this privilege. NO EXCEPTIONS. Exams may be taken early without penalty if necessary. The final exam must be taken at the assigned time.

Grades will be determined in the following manner: (1) Points will be totaled for all four exams. (2) The highest actual total points will become the highest possible points. Another words, the points earned by the high student(s) will become one hundred percent. (3) The standard grading scale will then be applied to the entire class, i.e. 90% for an “A”; 80% for an “B”; 70% for a “C”; 60% for a “D”; and below is an “F”. (5) There will be one exception: If you earn a higher grade on the final exam than your average grade, I will give you the higher grade of the two. (5) I will also consider any extra credit in determining the semester grade.

Withdrawal from Course:

After the course drop deadline, withdrawal from a course initiated by the student will result in a grade of “F”. A grade of “W” can be assigned after the course deadline only under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the instructor and the academic dean for the course. The student must petition for the “W” grade in writing and provide the necessary supporting documentation and must be passing the course. Under no circumstance can a student receive a “W” after the he or she completed the course. Last day to withdrawal with an automatic “W” is OCTOBER 28, 2005.
Last day for complete withdrawal from the University is DECEMBER 1, 2005.

Incomplete grade:
It is the policy of the College of Business that Incomplete I be given only to a student who needs additional time to complete a specified assignment or to make up one test. This is an extraordinary situation such as an extreme personal emergency involving you or your spouse. A military service call up or assignment could also be an example of an extraordinary situation. An incomplete will not be given to failing students to retake the course at a later date.

Attendance Policy:
Persistent tardiness will not be tolerated. A student that has either poor attendance or chronic tardiness will be dropped from the course with a W or F as cumulated grades indicate to that point in time.

By Eugene F. Brigham and Joel F. Houston. Study Guide is optional.

Required Calculator: HP-10BII or HP-17B.

Final Examination Schedule:
9:30am MWF Class: Wednesday, DEC 7, 2005 at 10:00am to 12:45pm.

Outline:
Section I- Overview of Financial Management, the Financial System and Financial Statement Analysis. Text Assignment: Chapters 1,2,3,4.
Section II- Essential Concepts in Finance. Text Assignment Chapters 5,6,7.
Section III- Valuation of Financial Assets. Text Assignment: Chapters 8,9.
Section IV- Capital Budgeting and Capital Structure. Text assignment: Chapters 10,11, 12.
An examination will be administered after the completion of each section. Exact dates will be announced approximately one week ahead of test.

Scholastic Integrity
The University of Texas at El Paso prides itself on its standards of academic excellence. In all matters of intellectual pursuit, UTEP faculty and students must strive to achieve excellence based on the quality of work produced by the individual. In the classroom and in all other academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Any form of scholastic dishonesty is an affront to the pursuit of knowledge and jeopardizes the quality of the degree awarded to all graduates of UTEP. It is imperative, therefore, that the members of this academic community understand the regulations pertaining to academic integrity and that all faculty insist on adherence to these standards.

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Proven violations of the detailed regulations, as printed in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP), and available in the Office of the Dean of Students, and the homepage of The Dean of Students (DOS) at www.utep.edu. may result in sanctions ranging from disciplinary probation, to failing grade on the work in question, to a failing grade in the course, to suspension or dismissal, among others