COURSE: FIN 5311  Section 25094: Tuesdays, 1800-2050, (6pm-8:50pm) BUSN 331

Note: No classes held. March 13-18, spring break.

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I. Course Description: FIN 5311 Financial Management (3-0). A study of the financial manager in executive decision making, involving financial planning and analysis in the allocation of the financial resources of a firm; investment decision making, capital budgeting, and financial problems of growth. Prerequisites: FIN 3310 or FIN 5305

II. Required Text:
   (2) The Wall Street Journal. Student discount subscriptions are available from the instructor at the first two class sessions. With a regular subscription you also qualify for a free electronic subscription to the Journal. (A Barron’s subscription may also be obtained if you like.)

Note: Anyone found with a photocopy (Xerox copy) of the text will be referred to the Dean of Students for appropriate action. Copying a textbook—or buying a copy—is illegal as well as unethical, and it amounts to theft of intellectual property. It will not be condoned.

III. E-mail is required. A free account at UTEP is available if you do not have one at home or work. This must be obtained immediately. Your instructor will communicate course information by e-mail and by posting to a UTEP server for the course. You will need to get a recent version of the free Adobe Acrobat Reader if you do not have one already. (Most new software that comes on a CD-ROM has the Acrobat reader on it; it is quite large if you need to download a copy.) NOTE: I normally receive over a hundred e-mail messages each day—if you want me to read and answer yours be sure to put the course (FIN5311) and day it meets on the subject line. If you don’t you may not get a response.
IV. Basis for Grade:

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(Midterm date: Tuesday, March 7th)

V. Students are required and expected to read assigned chapters and other material prior to the class session in which they will be discussed. (And there may be surprise quizzes on the material!)

In general, the focus and emphasis of the class will be on theory and discussion. However, some problems will be assigned for each class session to illustrate the concepts involved and the application of finance theory to practice.

NOTE: All assigned problems should be worked out in detail. When appropriate, computer solutions using Quattro Pro™, Excel™, Open Office™, or other program should be used. Problems will normally not be collected. Instead, those who volunteer to present their solutions in class will be marked on the correctness of their work at the board, overhead projector, or computer display.

VI. Attendance is not optional, it is required. Roll may be called after breaks, so leaving midway through class is not to be done. While it is recognized that there may be unavoidable reasons for missing class on rare occasions, students are expected to attend all class sessions, and are accordingly responsible for all material covered in the classroom whether in attendance or not. Vacations and personal travel will seldom be considered valid reasons for missing class. A person with more than 3 absences may have their course mark penalized.

VII. Normally there will be a class break about midway through the session. It is impermissible for anyone to leave before the formal break to get food or drink or for telephone calls. Students are reminded that food and drink are not permitted in the classroom.

VIII. FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, May 9th, 1900-2125 (7:00pm-9:25pm)

“The class participation mark will include any quizzes or special reports that may be given during the term, and the instructor’s assessment of the student’s contribution to class discussion of assigned readings and problems. This is an interactive graduate-level class, not a straight lecture class for ‘couch potatoes’. Note that those who would make a habit of disturbing the class with prolonged private conversations, late arrival, absences, etc., may receive a negative class participation assessment. The classroom standard expected is “professional behavior appropriate to business managers.”
IX. The University’s scholastic integrity policy (page 59-60 of the undergraduate catalog) is required to be included on syllabi:

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.”

X. IMPORTANT NOTICES

It is the responsibility of each student to determine from the course bulletin (Spring 2006 Schedule of Classes) the official withdrawal date and other administrative detail.

“If you feel you may have a disability that requires accommodations, contact the Disabled Student Services Office at 747-5148, go to the Union Bldg, East, Room 106, or e-mail dss@utep.edu”