Overview of Summer 2008 MBA 8135

Who am I?
Changes for Summer 2008
Course Details
Contact Information

Who am I?
- Ph.D. (1993) from Florida State University in Corporate Finance
- Former Assistant Professor and MBA Corporate Finance Coordinator at Georgia State
- Online GSU Corporate Finance since 1998
- Currently Professor of Finance at U. of West Georgia
- Consulting in Corporate Finance and Investments
- Research is mix Corporate Finance (asymmetric information) and Investments (mutual funds and long-run investing)

Course Components
- Ulearn/WEBCT Vista
  - Quizzes and Online Exams (yes)
  - Chat (yes), Bulletin Board (some)
  - Email (yes)
- MSN Instant Messenger = mba8622@hotmail.com
- Chapter Outlines with Video
- Face to Face Final Exam

Course Details
- Class Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:40 p.m..
- Wednesdays (Chats @7:40-9:00 p.m.)
- Saturdays (Quizzes @11:00 p.m.)
- McGraw Hill Primis Online custom published book for MBA 8135 - Corporate Finance. The ISBN of the textbook is 978-0-390-80084-8. Hardcopies can be purchased from the GSU bookstore or you can order the text as an eBook from Primis Online: https://ebooks.primisonline.com/eBookstore/eBookOptio ns.jsp

More Course Details
- New text, mostly Ross Westerfield Jaffe
  - Occasional disconnect between text, end of chapter problems, and testbank
- Less Material/No Accounting
- Final Exam is mix of common questions and instructor specific
- Outside Reading/Writing assignments
- Three in-class 1-hour exams

Streaming Video Control Review
- Video using Windows Media Player
- PowerPoint Slides (with irrelevant numbers)
- Live Links
  - http://www2.gsu.edu/~fnccwh/mba8135.html
- Slow Connection Suggestions
- Control Features
  - Pause Button
  - PowerPoint Slide Names
How I present material

- Chapter Outlines with Video
  - Need to Know/Don’t need to know
  - Every Chapter has overview video
  - Use Videos to cover “typical” calculations, usually end of chapter problems (new for me)
    - You can request more
  - Have “best in breed” to cover general topic
- New text, mostly Ross Westerfield Jaffe
  - Disconnect between text, end of chapter problems, and testbank
  - Brevity in text implies use multiple chapters

Written Assignments (10% of each exam)

- You read Warren Buffet’s Letters to Shareholder for
  - 1980 (Exam 1)
  - 1992 (Exam 2)
  - 2007 (Exam 3)
- You write one-page essay on something you learned from reading the Letter
- You post the essay in Ulearn

Grading

- Grade Weights:
  - One-hour exams (3 exams at 15% each)   45%
  - Quizzes (top 9 of 10)                  18%
  - Two-Minute Feedback                     2%
  - Final exam                              35%

  100%

Schedule

- 6/09  Optional Face-to-Face Orientation in Classroom South 305 at 7:40 pm
- 6/11  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm)
- 6/14  Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 1 Quiz Due by 11 p.m.
- 6/18  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm)
- 6/21  Ross/Westerfield/Jordan Chapter 5 Quiz Due and Ross/Westerfield/Jordan Chapter 6 Quiz Due by 11 p.m.
- 6/25  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm)
- 6/28  Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 5 Quiz Due and Written Assignment 1/Exam 1 Due by 11 p.m.
- 7/02  Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 6 Quiz and Ross/Westerfield/Jordan Chapter 7 Quiz and Chat Session by 11 p.m.
- 7/05  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm)
- 7/09  Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 6 Quiz and Written Assignment 2/Exam 2 Due by 11 p.m.
- 7/12  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm)
- 7/16  Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 8 Quiz and Chat Session and Ross/Westerfield/Jaffe Chapter 9 Quiz and Chat Session by 11 p.m.
- 7/19  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm) and optional Face to Face Help Session
- 7/23  Chat Session (7:40-9:00 pm) and optional Face to Face Help Session
- 7/25  Face to Face Final Exam, Friday, 7:15 p.m., in a Location TBD

Grading Policy

- The finance department employs the +/- grading system. A C- is considered a passing grade for this course and a C- is considered passing for prerequisite purposes for this course, as well as for all finance electives.
- In accordance with Departmental policy, for masters level courses (MBA and FI prefixed), it is expected that no more than 35 percent of the students in a given class section will receive a grade of A. The majority of the remaining students are expected to receive grades of B. Those students demonstrating significantly lagging performance shall earn grades of C or lower as appropriate. This policy is amended to incorporate +/- grades as mentioned in the paragraph above.

Prerequisites

- Prerequisites: MBA 8000, MBA 8025.
- CSP: 1,2,3,6,7,8.
- Corequisites: MBA 8015, MBA 8030.
- Either or both of these courses can be taken simultaneously with MBA 8135.
Face to Face Sessions

- Optional
  - Face-to-Face Orientation in Classroom South 305 at 7:40 pm on June 9
- Required
  - Final Exam – Face to Face, Thursday, July 25, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m.

Contact Information

- Office: RCOB 18, U. of West Georgia
- Office Phone and Voicemail: (770)301-8648 (cell) or (678)839-4816 (office)
- Class Webpage: Ulearn
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