FI 3300- CORPORATION FINANCE
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Course Syllabus
Spring Semester - 2006

NOTE: It is your responsibility to read, understand and abide by all of the course information and policies listed below. Failure to do so could result in you failing this course or being withdrawn from the course by your instructor or by the Finance Department. The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.

COURSE SECTIONS

The following table lists all sections of FI 3300 for this semester. Each section has a unique Course Number. Be sure to check your registration record on the GOSOLAR online system to locate the correct time and location for your specific class and Instructor.

FULL SEMESTER CLASSES (January 09, 2006 – May 08, 2006):

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The course coordinator is Dr. Charles Appeadu. Dr. Appeadu oversees all sections of the course. If you have general questions concerning the course or the course syllabus, you can contact Dr. Appeadu via e-mail at fnccea@langate.gsu.edu. For all questions specific to your section of the course, contact your instructor. Your instructor will inform you of his/her office hours and provide you with specific contact information on the first day of class.
IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE PREREQUISITES:
The course prerequisites for FI 3300 are:

AC 2101, Principles of Accounting I (or its equivalent)
AC 2102, Principles of Accounting II (or its equivalent)
EC 2106, Principles of Microeconomics (or its equivalent)

All students, regardless of degree program (graduate or undergraduate) or status, (transient or post-baccalaureate) must have completed all 3 prerequisites (or the equivalents thereof) with a grade or "C" or better. There are no exceptions! Those students who have not met these requirements must withdraw from this course IMMEDIATELY. The Department of Finance will disenroll you if it is discovered during the quarter that you have not successfully completed all of the prerequisites. This action will result in a loss of fees; no refund is guaranteed. This action could also result in a final grade of "WF" for the course in some circumstances.

If the above prerequisite courses were completed as transfer courses, it is your responsibility to confirm that transfer credit has been received and credited properly. If your transfer credit has not been received and placed on your record, it is your responsibility to provide to the Department of Finance documentation by no later than one week prior to the semester midpoint (see official Academic Calendar as published by the Registrar’s office), confirming that the above prerequisites have been satisfactorily completed.

All transient and post-baccalaureate students must provide documentation to the Department of Finance, by no later than one week prior to the semester midpoint (see official Academic Calendar as published by the Registrar’s office), confirming that the above prerequisites have been satisfactorily completed.

Documentation, as referred to above, may consist of a copy of a grade report or a copy of an unofficial transcript. Documentation received after the aforementioned date will not be accepted and those students who have been withdrawn for prerequisite violation will not be reinstated in the class.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Lectures in Corporate Finance is a book that was written specifically for FI 3300 by two GSU professors - you are encouraged to read the textbook Preface. Essentially, the main reason for writing the book was to design a book specific to the material covered in FI 3300 in a combination textbook/study guide style. No financial management textbook currently on the market meets these criteria. Additionally, use of this textbook has allowed us to reduce the cost to students of the FI 3300 text.

CALCULATOR:
It is necessary that you have a financial calculator to use throughout the course. Bring your calculator to class each day!!! Many Textbook problems require complex arithmetic operations, and a financial calculator is necessary to solve these problems efficiently. This is especially true for exams. The Finance Department at GSU recommends that for FI 3300, you use the Texas Instruments BA II Plus. The textbook website contains detailed directions on using the BA II Plus along with several examples demonstrating how to use the BA II Plus to solve most time value of money problems.
COURSE OBJECTIVE:
Finance is a broad subject matter covering three separate, though interrelated, fields of study: Corporate Financial Management, Investments and Financial Markets and Institutions. This course summarizes many of the important topics and issues in the first of these fields. Specifically, FI 3300 is an introduction to the financial management of a non-financial corporation. Because the fields of study are interrelated, you will learn about the other areas of finance in this course, however these are presented from the point of view of a financial manager.

In this class you should learn the following: financial statement analysis, financial forecasting, time value of money, valuation of various classes of securities, and the estimation and analysis of cash flows in the capital budgeting process. This course has been designed to give non-finance majors with an overview of the function of financial management within most firms and to provide finance majors with a solid foundation on which elective course will build.

ATTENDANCE:
Each student is expected to attend ALL scheduled class meetings for the entire duration of the class meeting. An attendance sign-up sheet will be circulated each class period. It is your responsibility to sign the attendance sheet. If you do not sign the list, you will be considered absent. The attendance sheet may be circulated at any time during the class period (at the beginning of class, at the end of class, or in the middle of class) and may even be circulated twice during the same class period. If you do not sign the attendance sheet when circulated or if you do not sign the attendance sheet both times it may be circulated during a given class period, you will be considered absent. Students arriving late may be permitted to sign the sheet only at the discretion of the instructor.

Upon accumulation of the equivalent of 3 weeks total absences (i.e. upon the 3rd absence from a full semester one day per week class, the 5th absence from a full semester two day per week class, the 7th absence from a full semester three day per week class, or the 3rd absence from a two day per week mini-semester class), the student will be dropped from the class by the instructor. That is, any student who is signed up for a full semester M, T, W, TH or F class and is absent from three (3) classes, or any student who is signed up for a full semester MW or TT class and is absent from five (5) classes, or any student who is signed up for a full semester MWF class and is absent from seven (7) classes, or any student who is signed up for a mini-semester MW or TT class and is absent form three (3) classes, will be dropped from the course. This includes the first day of class regardless of when you registered for the course. (Thus, if you do not attend the first official day of class because you register for FI 3300 during the late registration period, you will begin the semester with one day of absence). An absence from class for any reason (job conflict, illness, appearance in court, transportation problems, travel, athletic event, etc), even if permitted and/or excused by your instructor, will count as one of the class absences against the three-week equivalent cumulative limit specified above. If a student is withdrawn for excessive absences, a final grade of WF will be assigned. There will be no exceptions to this policy!!!
**GRADE WEIGHTS:**
Your final grade for the course will be determined according to the following grade weight schedule:

- Exam One 25%
- Exam Two 25%
- Quizzes, homework, etc. 20%
- Comprehensive Final Exam 30%

Final grades will be assigned according to this schedule only. Once your final grade is assigned it cannot be changed except in the rare circumstance of a mathematical miscalculation by your instructor. NO EXTRA CREDIT WORK MAY BE DONE TO IMPROVE OR CHANGE YOUR GRADE ONCE FINAL GRADES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED!!! There are no exceptions to this rule.

**MAKEUP EXAM POLICY:**
No make-up exams will be given in FI 3300 for any reason. If you must miss a scheduled in-term exam (i.e., Exam One or Exam Two), you must notify your instructor as soon as possible and provide a documented reason for your absence. If your instructor agrees that your reason is sufficient to warrant absence from the exam, the weight of the missed in-term exam will be added to the final exam (thus, your final exam score will count towards 55% of your total course grade average). If your instructor does not consider your excuse sufficient to warrant absence from the exam, you will be assigned a grade of 0 if you fail to take the exam. This policy will only count for one in-class exam. If you miss both in-class exams, you will receive a grade of 0 on the second missed exam. Any excused or unexcused missed exam day will count as an absence.

**RESCEDULING THE FINAL EXAM:**
The final exam for FI 3300 is a common exam taken by all sections of FI 3300 on the same day at the same time. If you cannot attend the final exam on the assigned time and day (Saturday, May 6th, 2006 at 12:30pm), read and follow the following section entitled: “Request for Final Exam Variance.” You must follow the directions in this note to receive a final exam variance. Your instructor has nothing to do with granting an alternative final exam time and/or day.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**
The Department of Finance adheres strictly to the University's policy on academic honesty as contained in the Academic Regulations section of the University catalog. Any student found copying during exams or quizzes, signing someone else's name to the attendance list, using stored formulas in programmable calculators, using non-authorized formula sheets or other notes during exams, collaborating on and/or copying the course project (including from students in prior classes), or the like will receive an F for the course and possibly be subject to additional University disciplinary action.
REQUEST FOR FINAL EXAM VARIANCE

IMPORTANT FINAL EXAM POLICY:
The Department of Finance schedules common, Department-wide final examinations in FI 3300. The time and date of the final exam for this semester is Saturday, May 6 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. – all students in all sections of FI 3300 MUST take the final exam on this date at this time unless the chairman of the finance department grants the student an official variance. To apply for a variance you MUST read and follow the instructions below.

Variances granted from the common final examination date are undesirable for obvious reasons. Intrinsically, early examination exposes any student to questions, even if innocent, when cheating is discovered. The penalties for cheating are severe; consult GSU’s General Catalog for specific University regulations. Core courses are offered each semester. Therefore, if you foresee a personal conflict with the examination date, please register for the course in a later semester.

GUIDELINES FOR REQUESTING A FINAL EXAM VARIANCE:

Note: Only the Department Chairperson grants variances for the final examination date. Permission granted by others, including your instructor, will not be honored. You must follow the guidelines below to obtain a variance date to take the final exam:

1. Requests for variance must be received in the Department's office by no later than one week prior to the semester midpoint (see official Academic Calendar as published by the Registrar’s office). This lead-time will allow for course withdrawal in the event of denial of his/her request.

2. A letter must be written to the Chairperson, and must be supported by additional written documentation regarding the student's conflicting obligation. Job conflicts are to be supported by a letter from the student's supervisor on company stationery. Variances for students involved in the wedding of an immediate family member will be considered. Others will not. Copies of a wedding invitation and statement of kinship must support those requests.

3. Because the Disability Services office is not open on Saturdays, students who normally take exams in the Disability Services office must also apply for an exam variance by the date listed above. With your letter to the Chairperson, provide a letter from the Disability Services office stating that you normally take your exams in their office.

4. The letter to the Chairperson should include your Social Security number, telephone number, address, name of instructor, and course section. It should be mailed or faxed to the Chairperson of the Department of Finance, Robinson College of Business, MSC 4A1264, 33 Gilmer Street SE Unit 4, Atlanta GA 30303-3084 (Fax: 404-651-2630).

5. If a variance request is approved, the Department will determine the date and site of an alternate examination. It is Departmental policy that an alternate examination will be scheduled at an earlier, rather than a later, date.

6. Examination after the date of the common final will be granted only when the student has become physically disabled late in the quarter.