



**DEPARTMENT OF Business Administration and Commerce**

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2013

**BA2030 FINANCE I - 3(3-0-0) UT**

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**HOURS:** TBA

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:**

BA 1120

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Block, Hirt and Short (2012). Foundations of Financial Management, 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian Edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited.

Sharp Business/Financial Calculator (EL-733A)

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The objectives of financial management and the related role and responsibilities of the financial manager are explored. The approach is practical in nature with references to the development of theories in finance. The various sources of funds for a firm are explored using a corporate framework.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:**

3 hours per week

**DELIVERY MODE(S):**

Classroom work will include lectures and discussions of required topics, selected problems, and cases. Students are expected to participate fully in their discussion and analysis.

To get the most out of this class, students are expected to keep current with the business news as this will be integrated into class whenever possible

**OBJECTIVES (OPTIONAL):**

The objectives of the course are:

1. to gain an understanding of the finance function in the business firm within a Canadian context
2. to create an awareness and appreciation of the problems, issues and decisions confronting financial managers today
3. to develop the ability to apply analytical tools in the identification and resolution of financing problems and in financial decision making
4. to identify various corporate financing needs and explore the sources of funds available to meet these needs

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

CGA, CMA and CA Programs (with BA 2230)

AU (with BA 2230)

This course can be included as part of block transfer agreements with Athabasca University, University of Lethbridge, Thompson Rivers' University (Kamloops), Royal Roads University, Lakeland College (into their Applied Degree in Financial Services program) and Okanagan College. Students should check with the receiving institution concerning transferability as all arrangements are subject to change.

\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

The grading system employed in this course will be:

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| Quizzes and Assignments | 35% |
| Professionalism         | 5%  |
| Midterm Examination     | 25% |
| Final Examination       | 35% |

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| <b>GRADING CONVERSION CHART</b>        |                           |                              |  |
| <b>Alpha Grade</b>                     | <b>4-point Equivalent</b> | <b>Percentage Guidelines</b> | <b>Designation</b>                         |
| <b>A<sup>+</sup></b>                   | <b>4.0</b>                | <b>90 – 100</b>              | <b>EXCELLENT</b>                           |
| <b>A</b>                               | <b>4.0</b>                | <b>85 – 89</b>               |  |
| <b>A<sup>-</sup></b>                   | <b>3.7</b>                | <b>80 – 84</b>               | <b>FIRST CLASS STANDING</b>                |
| <b>B<sup>+</sup></b>                   | <b>3.3</b>                | <b>77 – 79</b>               |  |
| <b>B</b>                               | <b>3.0</b>                | <b>73 – 76</b>               | <b>GOOD</b>                                |
| <b>B<sup>-</sup></b>                   | <b>2.7</b>                | <b>70 – 72</b>               |  |
| <b>C<sup>+</sup></b>                   | <b>2.3</b>                | <b>67 – 69</b>               | <b>SATISFACTORY</b>                        |
| <b>C</b>                               | <b>2.0</b>                | <b>63 – 66</b>               |  |
| <b>C<sup>-</sup></b>                   | <b>1.7</b>                | <b>60 – 62</b>               |  |
| <b>D<sup>+</sup></b>                   | <b>1.3</b>                | <b>55 – 59</b>               | <b>MINIMAL PASS</b>                        |
| <b>D</b>                               | <b>1.0</b>                | <b>50 – 54</b>               |  |
| <b>F</b>                               | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0 – 49</b>                | <b>FAIL</b>                                |
| <b>WF</b>                              | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0</b>                     | <b>FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline</b> |

### **EVALUATIONS:**

There will be several short quizzes throughout the term, as well as various hand-in assignments. All assignments are expected to be handed in on time at the beginning of the class in which they are due. Assignments handed in after I have marked and returned the assignments to the class will not be accepted for grading purposes.

Each student is expected to come to class having read the material and completing any assignments given. Marks will be based on both attendance and the contribution made to the class.

The Midterm Exam will be held after the completion of Chapter 5 scheduled for the week of October 13 to 20<sup>th</sup>. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar during December.

exams scheduled between December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plan to be here during that time.

**STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at [www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/\\*\\*](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**)

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

**COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Introduction, Review of Accounting | Chapters One and Two |
| Financial Analysis                 | Chapter Three        |
| Financial Forecasting              | Chapter Four         |
| Operating And Financial Leverage   | Chapter Five         |
| Midterm                            |                      |
| Working Capital And Financing      | Chapter Six          |
| Current Asset Management           | Chapter Seven        |
| Sources of Short Term Financing    | Chapter Eight        |
| Time Value Of Money                | Chapter Nine         |
| Valuation And The Rates Of Return  | Chapter Ten          |
| Cost Of Capital                    | Chapter Eleven       |
| Final                              |                      |