FN1140 – Introduction to Finance

Fall 2015

# The Finance Course

This course develops the concepts for the financial foundation of all upper level finance courses. In this course you will have the opportunity to explore the importance of finance in business. Topics merchandising, interest calculations, debt amortization, annuities, bonds and sinking funds, foreign currency computations, and capital budgeting. Students will use a financial calculator or spreadsheet to make financial management decisions.

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# When and Where We Meet

This Finance class meets 4 time a week in room 201. Your role in contribution to the class’ dialogue is vital and you need to be there to contribute. Each week there will be a new topic and I will also be handing out a detail of what we will be discussing, as well as resources for that topic.

# Topics We’ll Be Covering in Finance

1. Apply merchandising concepts

2. Apply the concept of the time value of money

3. Apply annuity concepts to debt financing and investments

4. Create and use amortization tables for various debt instruments

5. Perform basic calculations for bonds and sinking funds

6. Apply basic capital budgeting computations

7. Evaluate business investment opportunities

# Resources You Will Be Using in Microeconomics

Text: Hummelbrunner, S.A., Coombs, S., & Olivier, J-P. (2008). *Contemporary business mathematics (with Canadian applications)* (8th ed.). Toronto: Pearson Education Canada. ISBN-10: 0137141491; ISBN-13: 9780137141494

* Course website: http://paultilley.wikispaces.com/

# How You Will Be Evaluated in Introduction to Finance

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| **Evaluation Item** | **Weight** | **Grade Achieved** | **Detail (Complete details of each project/test will be discussed/distributed in class)** |
| Hand In Assignment 1  Assignment 1 Due on Friday, October 2. | 5 |  | Chapter 5 – Discounts and markup/markdown  #12 p185 In the original…  Chapter 6 – Breakeven  #7 p243 Parma is considering…  Chapter 7 – Simple Interest  #17 p269 Bill filed…  Chapter 8 – Simple Interest Applications  #11 p349 Joan borrowed… |
| Test 1 @ 20%  Week of October 5 | 20 |  | You will be tested on material covered in the first 2 units of the course. The test will be one hour in duration, and be 60% Multiple Choice and 40% Short Answer problems. |
| Hand In Assignment 2  Assignment 3 Due on Friday, November 6. | 5 |  | Chapter 9 – Compound Interest  Chapter 14 – Amortization  Chapter 15 – Bonds and Sinking Funds  Chapter 16 – Capital Budgets  Chapter 3 – Foreign Exchange |
| Test 2 @ 20%  Week of November 9 | 20 |  | You will be tested on material covered in units 3 & 4 of the course. The test will be one hour in duration, and be 60% Multiple Choice and 40% Short Answer problems. |
| Final Exam  During the Final Exam Period | 50 |  | This is a comprehensive exam consisting of material from throughout the course (Units 1-6) . The test will be two hours in duration, and be 60% Multiple Choice and 40% Short Answer problems. |
| **Total** | **100** |  |  |