



Lincoln University

Course Title:	Fundamentals of Finance	Instructor:	Prof. Serge Ruiz
Course No:	BA 140	Phone:	949-232-3323
Units:	3 units (= 45 lecture hours)	E-mail:	sruiz@lincolnuca.edu
Class Hours:	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Office Hours:	After class or on request
Semester:	Summer 2015	Office Number:	Room 402

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Reference: Fundamentals of Financial Management, Eugen Brigham and Joel Houston, South-Western, 13th Edition, ISBN 13: 978-0-538-48243-1, ISBN 10: 0-538-48243-5

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the financial management of a company. The course includes the study of the financial system, source of funds, different sectors of the economy affecting the business organization and adjustments to changes in capital structure, use of financial statements, planning, and forecasting. (3 units) Prerequisite: BA 10 or equivalent

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand financial management
- Learn how to compute the most common reports
- Become familiar with the principal financial instruments
- Analyze the financial structure of companies
- Plan and forecast the company's financials

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Lecture method is used in combination with supervised exercises. The emphasis will be on learning by doing. Every student must participate in an intensive classroom activity.

COURSE PROJECT

Every student must complete and submit a course project. The project includes documents prepared with advanced functionality of MS Office.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend each class session. If you cannot attend a class due to a valid reason, please notify the instructor prior to the class.

EXAMS

Both, midterm and final exams consist of projects combining the Office programs which will be realized in the lab.

TESTING

Assignments	every week	25%
Mid-term exam	as scheduled	25%
Quizzes	to be submitted by last week of course	25%
Final exam	as scheduled	25%

There will be no make-up for a missed quiz or participation in a classroom activity. No make-up exams will be given unless you have the instructor's prior approval obtained in person before the exam date, with the exception of an extreme emergency. Late assignments will get no credit or reduced credit. ***Students will not be allowed to use computers or cellular phones during tests.***

GRADING

Grades will be determined according to the following percentages awarded for completed work:

100-93	92-90	89-87	86-83	82-80	79-77	76-73	72-70	69-67	66-60	59-0
A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F

OTHER COMMENTS

- Please participate. What you put into the class will determine what you and others get out of it.
- Please come on time. Late arrivals disturb everyone else.
- If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting notes/slide printouts on the material covered from a classmate or the instructor.
- To avoid distracting noise in class, cellular phones must be turned off or the ringing mode silenced.
- Questions and comments during the class are welcome. Do not hesitate to ask questions – do not leave anything unclear for you.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

Please read every chapter of the textbook before you come to class

Session	Date	Topics	Chapter
1	06/09	An Overview of Financial Management	1
		Financial Markets and Institutions	2
2	06/11	Time Value of Money: An Introduction	5
3	06/16	Time Value of Money: Valuing Cash Flow Streams	5
4	06/18	Interest Rates	6
5	06/23	Bonds	7
6	06/25	Stock Valuation	9
7	06/30	Midterm	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9
8	07/01	Investment Decision Rules	13
9	07/07	Fundamentals of Capital Budgeting	11
10	07/09	Stock Valuation: A Second Look	9
11	07/14	Risk and Return in Capital Markets	8
12	07/16	Systematic Risk and the Equity Risk Premium	8
13	07/21	The Cost of Capital	10
14	07/23	Final	8, 9, 10, 11, 13

MODIFICATION OF THE SYLLABUS

This syllabus was updated on May 4, 2015. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time during the semester. An announcement of any changes will be made in the classroom.