

Sul Ross State University
Department of Business Administration
Seminar in Financial Management
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Course Description

Scope and objective of financial management in the modern corporation; nature and mathematical formulation of underlying relationship in financial decision-making. Theories of capital budgeting, cost of capital, and investment.

Required Course Materials

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 13th edition by Ross, McGraw-Hill Publisher, ISBN: 978-1-264-11220-3 (loose-leaf edition)

Connect Access for textbook

Texas Instruments BAII PLUS Financial Calculator

Course Grading

Connect Reading	20%
Connect Problems	20%
Discussions	10%
Ethics Case (Sam Bankman-Fried)	10%
Research Case (PepsiCo)	10%
Exams (3 exams at 10% each)	30%
Total Points	100%

Your grade will be based on the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
F	Below 70%

Make-up exams will only be administered if instructor is notified before student's absence and must be completed within one week.

Assignments

Homework, discussions, and cases will not be accepted late. Please read the syllabus and follow the timeline on assignments.

Cases

Cases are to be written on a 12 font, using Times New Roman, double spaced, required 5 -10 pages, with a one-inch margin, and follow APA format. Computations must be provided in an Excel spreadsheet. All cases are submitted by BlackBoard and will be submitted to Safe Assign.

Department of Business Administration MBA Student Learning Outcomes

SLO 1 Students will be able to analyze and solve business problems across major business functions, using fundamental business principles and strategies

SLO 2 Students will be able to communicate about contemporary business-related topics.

SLO 3 Students will be able to comprehend the impact of ethical and social responsibility in business

Marketable Skills -- Master of Business Administration

1. Students will apply the principles of business to the management of existing businesses or the creation of new businesses.
2. Students will use appropriate information from research and analysis to make informed decisions.
3. Students will be able to write business correspondence including letters, emails, reports, and resumes.
4. Students will be able to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

SRSU Disability Services

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. RGC students seeking accessibility services should contact Paulette Harris, Executive Assistant to the Vice President and Dean, at 830-279-3023 or email pharris@sulross.edu. Ms. Harris's office is at 2623 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX 78801 (this is the mailing address, too).

SRSU Distance Education Statement

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

Classroom Climate of Respect

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Diversity Statement

I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic class, age, nationality, etc.). I also understand that the crisis of COVID, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events could impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create an inclusive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you.

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

Libraries

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine

Offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or phone (432-837-8123).

The Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Libraries

The Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Libraries at Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass offer additional access to library spaces and resources. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde students may also use online resources available through SWTJC website, library.swtjc.edu. The SWTJC Libraries serve as pick-up locations for InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery from the Alpine campus.

Class Schedule and Assignments

Seminar in Financial Management Spring 2024 Chapter Assignments*

Date	Chapter	Homework Assignments
1/17/2024	1	Introduction to Corporate Finance Homework in CONNECT DUE 1/21/24
	2	Financial Statements and Cash Flow Homework in CONNECT DUE 1/21/24 Discussion – Introduction DUE 1/21/2024
1/22/2024	3	Financial Statements Analysis and Financial Models Homework in CONNECT DUE 1/28/24
1/29/2024	4	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation Homework in CONNECT DUE 2/4/24
2/5/2024	5	Net Present Value and Other Investment Rules Homework in CONNECT DUE 2/11/2024 EXAM I Chapters 1 - 5 DUE 2/11/24
2/12/2024	6	Making Capital Investment Decisions Homework in CONNECT DUE 2/18/24
2/19/24	7	Risk Analysis; Real Options, and Capital Budgeting

Homework in CONNECT DUE 2/25/24

2/26/2024 Research Project -- Ethics and Finance – SAM BANKMAN-FRIED
Due on 3/3/24

3/4/2024 8 Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
Homework in CONNECT DUE 3/10/24
Discussion – Sam Bankman-Fried Scandal DUE 3/10/2024

3/11/2024 SPRING BREAK

3/18/2024 9 Stock Valuation
Homework in CONNECT DUE 3/24/24

3/25/24 11 Return, Risk, and the Capital Asset Pricing Model
Homework in CONNECT DUE 3/31/24
EXAM II Chapters 6 – 9 and 11 Due 3/31/24

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4/1/2024 13 Rick, Cost of Capital, and Valuation
Homework in CONNECT DUE 4/7/24

4/8/2024 15 Long-Term Financing
Homework in CONNECT DUE 4/14/24

4/12/2024
Last Day to Withdraw with a “W”
Last Day to Apply for Spring 2024 Graduation

4/15/2024 16 Capital Structure: Basic Concepts
Homework in CONNECT DUE 4/21/24

4/22/2024

**Research Case – PepsiCO Report
Due 4/28/24**

5/7/2024

EXAM III Chapters 13, 15, 16 Due 5/7/24

*Assignments Subject to Change