

**Sul Ross State University
Rio Grande College of Business
Seminar Financial Management
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 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Other appointment times will be available by appointment. Please arrange appointments with the professor and appointments can be in person, if desired, but are available online via Microsoft Teams.

Required Course Materials:

Corporate Finance (13th edition) by Stephen Ross, Randolph W. Westerfield, Jeffrey F. Jaffe, and Bradford D. Jordan, McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 9781264112159

CONNECT ACCESS CODE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COURSE HOMEWORK AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS.

This link should take you to the school bookstore.

If you are a part of the Sully Shelf Program through the campus bookstore, you were charged a fee in your tuition and all required course materials should be available to you. If you opted out of this program, you can purchase the book through the SRSU bookstore or directly through McGraw Hill. Make sure that you purchase the “Connect” version of the book if you purchase it directly through McGraw Hill’s website.

You might also want the following:

Texas Instruments BAI PLUS Financial Calculator

You can either use the calculator listed above or Microsoft Excel to work through the formulas in this course. In addition, you can always calculate by hand. The book shows the functions of the calculator listed, and I will discuss the calculator computation, as well as show the Microsoft Excel formulas. It is up to you if you wish to purchase the calculator mentioned.

Course Description:

This is an online course that will take place over the normal course of the spring semester. There will be 14 modules that will usually correspond with a full week of the course. There might be some chapters that are covered over less or more than a week. See your course schedule for dates. For each module, there will be assignments to be completed through McGraw Hill's Connect program, which is linked to the required course textbook. In addition, there will be four normal Comprehension Opportunities (exams) throughout the course that will test the knowledge that you have gained. There will also be four discussions via Blackboard throughout the course. These discussions will be used to portray your understanding of the tools we are learning about and how they are important, as well as to bounce ideas off of your fellow students. There will be two projects in this course that will cover concepts learned in this course and Excel skills learned previously.

In this course we will cover the fundamentals of financial management. We will cover financial goals and objectives of corporate finance in the modern-day world. This will include the calculating and interpreting the mathematical relationships used to make financial decisions. We will also look at the cost of investing into capital expenditures and other financial elements.

SRSU Disability Services

SRSU Disability Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the 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. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartz Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director or Ronnie Harris, LPC, Counselor, at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartz@sulross.edu or ronnie.harris@sulross.edu.

Counseling

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare where all SR students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/365 support by visiting [Timelycare/SRSU](#). The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus), and telehealth Zoom sessions for remote students and RGC students.

Required Student Responsibilities Statement

All full-time and part-time students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog](#) and for abiding by the [University rules and regulations](#). Additionally, students are responsible for checking their Sul Ross email as an

official form of communication from the university. Every student is expected to obey all federal, state and local laws and is expected to familiarize themselves with the requirements of such laws.

Distance Education

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 a 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.

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 LobolD 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 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.

Classroom Etiquette

We will be participating in discussions and interacting with each other throughout this course. It is important for all students to be respectful and kind to one another, regardless of any differences. The course requires respect be shown at all times.

Attendance

This course is an online course. We will not meet in person for classes. However, you are still responsible for viewing/reading class materials that are posted on Blackboard. These may include articles, videos, handouts, and/or lectures. Lectures will be provided via PowerPoint or video lectures. You are responsible for the topics and the due dates.

Academic Honesty Policy

The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

Academic Dishonesty includes:

1. Copying from another student's test paper, laboratory report, other report, or computer files, data listings, and/or programs, or allowing another student to copy from same.
2. Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.
3. Collaborating, without authorization, with another person during an examination or in preparing academic work.
4. Knowingly, and without authorization, using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, soliciting, copying, or possessing, in whole or in part, the contents of a non-administered test.
5. Substituting for another student; permitting any other person, or otherwise assisting any other person to substitute for oneself or for another student in the taking of an examination or test or the preparation of academic work to be submitted for academic credit.
6. Bribing another person to obtain a non-administered test or information about a non-administered test.
7. Purchasing or otherwise acquiring and submitting as one's own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm. This section does not apply to the typing of a rough and/or final version of an assignment by a professional typist.
8. "Plagiarism" means the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work or idea in one's own written work offered for credit.
9. "Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit.
10. "Abuse of research materials" means the mutilation, destruction, concealment, theft, or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.
11. "Academic work" means the preparation of an essay, dissertation, thesis, report, problem, assignment, or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.
12. "Falsification of Data" means the representation, claim, or use of research, data, statistics, records, files, results, or information that is falsified, fabricated, fraudulently altered, or otherwise misappropriated or misrepresented.

All academic dishonesty cases may be first considered and reviewed by the faculty member. If the faculty member believes that an academic penalty is necessary, he/she may assign a penalty, but must notify the student of his/her right to appeal to the department chair, the College Dean,

and eventually to the Graduate Dean before the imposition of the penalty. At each step in the process, the student shall be entitled to written notice of the offense and/or the administrative decision, an opportunity to respond, and an impartial disposition as to the merits of his/her case. The decision of the Graduate Dean shall be final.

In the case of flagrant or repeated violations, the Graduate Dean may refer the matter to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action. No disciplinary action shall become effective against the student until the student has received procedural due process except as provided under Interim Disciplinary Action.

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as 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. Students should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

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.

Department of Business Administration MBA Student Learning Outcomes

SLO 1 - Students will analyze and solve complex business problems across major business functions, using advanced business practices and strategies.

SLO 2 - Students will communicate in-depth business information through written delivery processes.

SLO 3 - Students will identify and demonstrate advanced understanding of the impact of ethical and/or social responsibility issues as they affect domestic and/or global business environments.

Department of Business Administration MBA Marketable Skills

Marketable Skill 1 - Students will understand the functions of business enterprises, both domestic and international.

Marketable Skill 2 - Students will have the skills needed to lead a business effectively.

Marketable Skill 3 - Students will be able to develop and execute effective business strategies for both existing businesses and new businesses.

Marketable Skill 4 - Students will make effective, comprehensive, and complex presentations to professional and general audiences.

Course Grading

Connect Homework & BB Discussions	40%
Amortization Schedule & FV Project	10%
Capital Budgeting Project	10%
Comprehension Opportunities (Exams)	40%
Total	100%

Your grade will be based off of the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	69% or below

Assignments

McGraw-Hill Connect Assignments will **not** be accepted late. Most assignments will be completed through McGraw-Hill's Connect platform and will differ, depending on the chapter. There will usually be two homework assignments per chapter. Some weeks there might be more or less assignments. These assignments will be due on **Friday evenings at 10 p.m.** They will open on the Saturday before at midnight, so you will have a full week to complete the assignments. If there are extenuating circumstances that keep you from completing the assignments, please let the instructor know **BEFORE** the due date. You have seven days to complete the assignments, so there should be plenty of time to let the professor know of your situation or get the assignments done. Be responsible.

Amortization Schedule & FV Project

You will be given parameters to set up an amortization schedule. You will produce an amortization schedule using Excel. You will then use Excel to analyze the future value of the cash flows for the loan in question. The parameters will be given to you in an additional document with project guidelines. You will not be given an Excel template. You will have to create the workbook on your own. Examples will be given. The project will be due by **10 p.m.** on the date provided on the class schedule.

Capital Budgeting Project

You will be given parameters that you will use to calculate the cash inflows and outflows of a new capital expenditure. You will also calculate operating cash flow using three different approaches that are expanded on during the course. The full parameters and questions will be given to you in an additional document with project guidelines. You will use Excel for this project. The project will be due by **10 p.m.** on the date provided on the class schedule.

Comprehension Opportunities (Exams)

There will be four Comprehension Opportunities throughout the semester. The first Opportunity will have cover four chapters. Each Opportunity after that will cover three chapters. The Opportunities have due dates listed on the course schedule. This is the date that the Opportunity is due. The Opportunities will be taken online through Blackboard. They will be open for two days, starting the day before it's due on the course schedule at midnight and will end on the scheduled due date at **10 p.m.** See the course schedule for the due dates. If you are going to miss a Comprehension Opportunity, please notify the professor as early as possible. We can work together to schedule a time to take the Opportunity. If you have a family or medical emergency, please discuss it with your professor as soon as possible.

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Class Assignments & Schedule**

Week	Due Date	Chapter	Assignments	
1	1/17/2025	N/A	Welcome to the Course! Let's focus on getting the book, because it is needed for your homework. - BB Discussion #1 Due	
	1/20/2025		Last day to drop without creating an academic record	
2	1/24/2025	1	Introduction to Corporate Finance - Connect Homework Due	
3	1/31/2025	2	Financial Statements and Cash Flow - Connect Homework Due	
	1/31/2025		Last day to drop without creating an academic record	
4	2/7/2025	4	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation - Connect Homework Due	
5	2/14/2025	5	Net Present Value and Other Investment Rules - Connect Homework Due	
	2/18/2025		Comprehension Opportunity #1 - Ch. 1,2,4 & 5	
	2/21/2025		Amortization Schedule & FV Project Due	
6	2/28/2025	6	Making Capital Investment Decisions- Connect Homework Due	**
7	2/28/2025	7	Risk Analysis, Real Options, and Capital Budgeting - Connect Homework Due	**

3/13 - 3/17/2023

Spring Break - No Classes

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3/7/2025

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Interest Rates and Bond Valuation - Connect Homework Due & BB Discussion #2 Due

3/11/2025

Comprehension Opportunity #2 - Ch. 6-8

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3/14/2025

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Stock Valuation - No Connect Homework Due

3/17 - 3/21

Spring Break - No Classes

3/24/2025

Capital Budgeting Project Due

10

3/28/2025

11

Return, Risk, and the Capital Asset Pricing Model - Connect Homework Due

11

4/4/2025

13

Risk, Cost of Capital, and Valuation - Connect Homework Due & BB Discussion #3 Due

4/4/2025

Last Day to Drop With A "W"

4/8/2025

Comprehension Opportunity #3 - Ch. 9, 11, & 13

12

4/11/2025

15

Long-Term Financing - Connect Homework Due

13

4/18/2025

16

Capital Structure: Basic Concepts - BB Discussion #4 Due

14

4/25/2025

17

Capital Structure: Limits to the Use of Debt - Connect Homework Due

Finals

5/6/2025

Comprehension Opportunity #4 - Ch. 15-17

NOTE: Comprehension Opportunities are due on the days noted, however they will be online exams through Blackboard. You will have two days (the day before its' due and the due date) to complete the exam, at your pace.

Dates with three asterisks by them are not Fridays. These are weeks when homework is due on a day of the week other than a Friday.

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Dates with two asterisks by them indicate that multiple chapters have assignments due on the same date.

IMPORTANT DATES

1/20/2025	MLK, Jr. Day - No Class
1/31/2025	Last day to drop a class without affecting academic record
2/18/2205	1st Comprehension Opportunity DUE
2/21/2025	Amortization & FV Project DUE
3/11/2025	2nd Comprehension Opportunity DUE
3/17-3/21	Spring Break - No Classes
3/24/2025	Capital Budgeting Project DUE
4/4/2025	Last day to drop with a "W"
4/8/2025	3rd Comprehension Opportunity DUE
5/6/2025	4th Comprehension Opportunity DUE
5/9/2025	Graduation