

University of Waterloo
Department of Economics
Econ 371 – Section 001
Business Finance 1
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Overview: This course is designed to introduce students to the principles of finance and its applications. Topics covered include: time value of money, valuation of financial assets, capital budgeting and determination of appropriate discount rate. Students are expected to have basic understanding of accounting concepts.

Required text: Brealey, Myers, Marcus Maynes, Mitra Fundamentals of Corporate Finance (3rd, 4th or 5th Canadian edition) McGraw-Hill Ryerson. Supplementary material will be given during the course, if and when necessary. Assignments and other material will be posted on the course page.

Course evaluation: There will be two assignments (30%), one midterm (30%) and a Final exam (40%).

Notes:

Mid- term exam date will be announced in class. A make-up exam will be provided at an alternate date if a valid documentation is provided within the appropriate time for missed mid-term. Please see university policy and follow instructions:

(http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/students/accom_illness.html)

Due dates for assignments will be announced in class. Late assignments will not be accepted.

A tentative lecture plan is given below. This is subject to change depending on the class progress. Students are encouraged to practice end of chapter problems. Students are expected to be available during the final exam period. Travel plans are not an acceptable ground for granting alternative final exam times:

<http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/exams/finalexams.html>

Week	Topic	Chapter (4th ed.)
1	Introduction	Chapter 1, 2
2	Time Value of Money	Chapter 4
3	Time Value of Money	Chapter 4
4	Bond Valuation	Chapter 5
5	Stock Valuation	Chapter 6
6	Net Present Value	Chapter 7
7	Capital Budgeting 1	Chapter 8
8	Capital Budgeting 2	Chapter 9
9	Introduction to Risk and Return	Chapter 10
10	Risk and Return Continued	Chapter 11
11	The Cost of Capital	Chapter 12

Economics Department Deferred Final Exam Policy

Deferred Final Exam Policy found at <https://uwaterloo.ca/economics/current-undergraduates/policies-and-resources/deferred-final-exam-policy>.

Cross-listed course

Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. See the [UWaterloo Academic Integrity Webpage \(https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/\)](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) and the [Arts Academic Integrity Office Webpage \(http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/current-undergraduates/academic-responsibility\)](http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/current-undergraduates/academic-responsibility) for more information.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group

work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, **including writing exams in a section that you are not registered in**, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under [Policy 71 – Student Discipline](#). For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties found at <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/guidelines/penaltyguidelines.htm>.

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](#). In addition, read [the Student Grievance Process](#) for the Faculty of Arts found at <https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/student-grievances-faculty-arts-processes>.

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](#).

Other sources of information for students

[Academic integrity \(Arts\) Academic Integrity Office \(uWaterloo\)](#)

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Note for students with disabilities: The [AccessAbility Services office](#), located in Needles Hall Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the AS office at the beginning of each academic term.