

University of Waterloo
Department of Economics
Econ 371 – Section 1
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 or 4th Canadian edition) McGraw-Hill Ryerson. Supplementary material will be given during the course, if and when necessary. Assignments and other materials 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 will be written in class on February 27, 2012. There will be no make up for a missed exam. If a valid documentation is provided for missed mid-term, the weight will be shifted to the final exam. 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

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