

**Course Number: FIN624 851 (FALL 2024)**

Course Title: Corporate Finance

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**Course Description**

This is a second course in Corporate Finance. It aims to develop an understanding of how and why financial decisions are made in a modern corporation. These decisions include what assets to invest in and how to finance those investments. The course extends the material covered in the introductory course and covers additional topics that were not included there. We will study methods for calculating the values involved in financial decisions and some of the theories behind them. The goal is to provide students with the conceptual tools necessary for valuation.

We will also explore how corporations are making financial decisions in investing in digital assets () and how these alternative assets are being valued and what types of esoteric models are available to value digital assets.

**Topics Covered:**

- Efficient capital markets and behavioral finance
- Capital structure and MM Theorem
- Issuing securities
- Valuation of derivatives
- Short-term finance and planning
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Digital Asset Investment evaluation models: Bitcoin and Ethereum ETF

Throughout the course, our primary viewpoint is that of a corporate financial manager; however, since corporations get funds from investors, we will often look at issues from an investor's point of view and then examine the implications for managers.

This course is essential for anyone planning a career in finance, whether at a corporation or a financial institution, and it is recommended for all business students. This course is demanding. You need passion and time to excel.

**Textbook and Materials**

Required:

- Ross, S., Westerfield, R., and Jaffe, J. *Corporate Finance*. McGraw-Hill, 13th edition, 2012, ISBN 9781260772388 (12th Edition is also available).

- Have a copy of the “Wall Street Journal”. You can follow the link:

<https://r.wsj.com/PROFwq4w> to get a digital-only membership for \$4 a month. We will be utilizing The Wall Street Journal Assessment Tool in class this term. In order to participate, you must first register your account. Please use the following link to register for the WSJ Assessment Tool:

<https://wsjassessment.com/e/i/MjEyOC8xODY3LzIyMjYvMjY2Ng==>

- Bloomberg-More information will be provided for terminal use/access
- You are also strongly encouraged to read other economic and financial publications such as *Financial Times*, *Business Week*, or *the Economist*.

Financial Calculator:

A financial calculator is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!** I recommend the Texas Instrument BA II Plus financial calculator. If you have another financial calculator that you are comfortable with, you may use it. TI - BA II Plus and HP 12C are the only two calculators permitted on the CFA Exams. *It is your own responsibility to learn how to use your calculator.*

## Course Outcomes

1. To introduce the subject of corporate financial management
2. To identify factors that impact financial decision-making, implementation and evaluation c. To understand how corporations raise equity and debt capital
3. To learn the basic techniques of valuing options and futures
4. To learn and understand short-term finance and planning
5. To understand mergers and acquisitions

Learning Goal 1: Analytical & Problem Solving Skill

Learning Outcome 1.1 Demonstrates knowledge of concepts in corporate finance and the ability to apply these concepts to solve financial problems, such as MM theorem ● Learning Outcome 1.2 Ability to use quantitative methodologies, such as options pricing, as tools to help understand financial problems

Learning Goal 2: Information & Communication Skills

- Learning Outcome 2.1 (Oral Communication) Ability to deliver effective presentations enhanced by technology
- Learning Outcome 2.2 (Written Communication & Information Literacy) Ability to write clear and concise reports

Learning Goal 3: Reflective Thinking Skills

- Learning Outcome 3.1 Ability to think and understand various concepts clearly

Learning Goal 4: Ethical Understanding & Reasoning Abilities

- Learning Outcome 4.1 Understand the moral implications and ethical schema of individual (financial managers and corporate executives) and corporation decisions and actions

**Final course grades will be based on the following scale (there will be NO curve):**

**Grading Scale**

A	B+	B	C+	C	D	F
90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	60%	<60%

**Late Assignments**

Late assignments will not be accepted for grading unless there is a severe illness or an emergency situation. In these cases, legitimate documentation of the emergency must be presented and approved by the office of the Dean of Students before extensions will be granted.

**Email Etiquette**

This is a business course, and the expectation is that you will conform to appropriate business letter writing practice in all of your email to me. The following are the basics.

- Put the course name (e.g. course name or course number) in the subject line
- Identify the subject of the e-mail with a brief but descriptive summary of the topic: include a proper salutation and the assignment details such as the title, homework, or test.
- Proofread your e-mail for proper sentence structure, capitalization, spelling and punctuation.
- Conclude the e-mail message with a proper closing (e.g. Regards, Sincerely) and your full name.

Assignment 1: Axichain, Agriculture Farmland/Supply Chain-Digital

Assignment 2: ZenBe Health Technologies (Virtual reality/AI)

Assignment 3: Tesla 2021-2023 Financial Statement Analysis

Midterm Exam #1 35% \*

Final Exam (Cumulative) 40% \*

Participation and Assignments (25%)

Reflects quality and quantity of discussion online. Includes actively contributing to discussion; demonstrated knowledge/understanding of three assigned materials; and leadership and problem-solving.

Exams (75%)

There will be two exams.

**Time Commitment**

This course requires not only much reading, but also requires students to stay on top of current events in reference to the content. Students will be responsible for working with their designated groups at a time and in a manner that works for all team members. Students are also responsible for addressing all deliverables of the course. Review the Course Schedule to see what will be due in the upcoming modules.

## **Late Work and Make-Up Exams**

Late work will not be accepted. If you have issues completing the work in the allotted time, speak to your professor at the start of the course.

## **Sharing Information**

With respect to your answers on the problem sets, midterm exam, and final exam, no common or group answers will be accepted to any question. Further, any material from the text should not be quoted but must be paraphrased in your own words.

## **Student Conduct**

The NJIT University code on academic integrity, found at <http://www5.njit.edu/policies/sites/policies/files/academic-integrity-code.pdf>, will be followed in all courses.

## **Student with Disabilities Codes**

NJIT adheres to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (ADA) of 1990. Appropriate accommodations are provided at no cost to the student. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Dr. Phyllis Bolling, Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (C-CAPS), Campbell Hall, (entry level), room 205, (973) 596-3420. For further information, visit the Student Disability Services website.

## **Technical Support**

For assistance with the following items, please contact NJIT IST Helpdesk at: 1-973-596-2900 or <http://ist.njit.edu/support/helpdesk.php>

- UCID
- Library database access
- Webmail by Google email system
- Sessions
- Password assistance\*

For assistance with the following items, please contact Technical Support at: 1-888-789-0407 or <https://supportcenter.embanet.com/NJIT>

- Content within this course
- Assignments
- Discussion Forums
- Quizzes
- Exams
- All other items related to the running of this course

\*NJIT passwords may be changed using the Global Password Change mechanism. You will need to know your current UCID and UCID password. Questions can be referred to 1-973-596-2900.

Periodic changing of passwords and strategies for managing them are best practice for anyone using a computer. All members of the university community are encouraged to review tips for password management

and to change passwords regularly.

Sometimes, you will be required to use word processing and presentation software, such as MS Word and PowerPoint found in Microsoft Office. You will also need to be comfortable with various aspects of using the Internet such as:

- Search engines
- Newsgroups
- E-mail
- Ability to download files

To view certain media elements in this course, you will need to have several browser plug-ins such as Shockwave, Flash, and Adobe Acrobat on your computer. Use the links in the course to download and install the appropriate software application.

Important: With regards to plug-ins, ensure you are using the most recent version of each plug in you require. View the hardware and software requirements for this course.

### **Browser Check**

To test your web browser for compatibility in the Moodle environment, go to the Online Support Center page and select the "Check My Browser" link located on the right side.

### **Other Support**

Tutoring - <https://www5.njit.edu/tlc/>

In addition MTSM provides tutoring for accounting, statistics and finance courses.

The students can book an appointment Book an appointment here:

Support on campus

<https://www.njit.edu/studentsuccess/node/5>

<https://www.njit.edu/counseling/>

### **Bloomberg Terminal and Resources**

The Bloomberg Terminal delivers what you need to examine fundamentals, assess relative value and understand the corporate strategies in play. Get insight into thousands of companies in more than 130 industries and understand the driving forces behind the movements in major asset classes, credit metrics, economics, and government policy. The Bloomberg Terminal brings together all the data, news and analytics to provide the kind of complete understanding of companies, industries and markets that is the cost of entry these days in the financial job market.

### **News and research**

With an avalanche of news, noise and information how do you cut through it all to get at what's essential? Bloomberg News hones in on what's happening, as it happens. Bloomberg research goes deeper and offers context to make the news make sense. Most importantly, students can then create their own robust research content that integrates their ideas with Bloomberg data to create compelling insights — just as they will need to

do to succeed in the world that awaits them.

### **Market analysis and surveillance**

You and your students will be able to monitor markets in real time, as well as the news that's impacting them. Use powerful data visualization tools that surface the information you care about, with as much depth as you want. Our tools allow you to see the full spectrum of critical data, from macro breadth and sentiment indicators to intraday tick charts – and every other chart in between.

### **Student Managed Investment Funds (SMIFs)**

The Bloomberg Terminal is home to the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), idea generation, portfolio monitoring and analysis. Use the Terminal to build portfolios, benchmark fund performance, conduct portfolio attribution analysis, calculate alpha, tracking error, value at risk and more."

(<https://www.bloomberg.com/professional/expertise/the-terminal-on-campus/>)

### **Final Comments**

**I reserve the right to change any aspect of this syllabus or the course schedule at any time**, as the need arises. Students registered for this course assume full responsibility for reading and understanding the course policies as stated above.

**The topics are tentative. Updates will be provided. Dates will be updated soon,**

#	Week of:	Course Topics	Due
1	Sep 5	<b>Include topics</b>	Include assignments
2	Sep 12		
3	Sep 19		
4	Sep 26		
5	Oct 3		
6	Oct 10		
7	Oct 17		
8	Oct 24		
9	Oct 31		
10	Nov 7		
11	Nov 14		
12	Nov 21		
13	Nov 22		
14	Dec 5		
15	Dec 12		