General Information

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Course Description

A survey of financial concepts and analytical tools used by domestic and international businesses. This course includes financial mathematics, financial and operational planning and management, and long-term investment analysis, including cost of capital and capital budgeting. When appropriate, spreadsheet applications will be integrated into this course. **Prerequisite:** Accounting 103, Economics 203 (Macroeconomics), and Computer Systems Applications 102 (Intro to Spreadsheets), or permission of instructor.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the elements of financial statements and how they apply to business decision making. This will include the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Cash Flow Statement.
- Be able to apply simple ratio analysis to financial information and understand when it is applicable.
- Evaluate investment principles, including dividends, common stock, and preferred stock.
- Understand the elements of capital investment and working capital.
- Apply time value of money concepts on applicable problems and cases.
- Establish the basic concepts of money and capital markets and how they apply to funding growth for a business.
- Evaluate budgets for various scenarios and apply them to a company situation.

Course Requirements and Policies

*Required Text*


****Please bring your text to every class.
Supplemental Text (not required):

Assignments

1) Attendance and Participation

Your participation in class is necessary for each of us to learn as much from one another as possible. If you are unable to attend class, please notify as soon as possible. If you do not attend class, you will not receive the 10 point credit for that week.

2) Case Studies/Quizzes

Evaluation of various real world applications will occur during the course of the quarter. Quizzes will also be used to monitor the students understanding of the concepts.

3) Final Exam/Project

The final exam/project will be the last evaluation of your newly acquired knowledge in finance. It will cover readings and discussions of the course. The final may be a combination of multiple choice, true/false, essay, and problem solving.

Grading

1) Attendance and Participation 70 Points
2) Case Studies/Quizzes 100 Points
3) Final Exam/Project 100 Points

Total 270 Points

Grading Scale

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Computer Access and Email Information

This course will require that you have access to a computer, access to the internet, and that you have a valid email address. Your email may be a source of communication, so please be sure to have an active email address set up prior to class. During the first class, all contact information will be gathered so that I am able to reach each of you if needed. Doane will have computers available if you do not have access to one.

Attendance and Participation

Your attendance and participation is expected. If you need to miss a class, please let me know in advance so we can make arrangements for assignments. Each class is worth 10 points. If you are not in class, you do not receive the 10 points.

Late Work

Late work is not accepted, unless pre-arranged with instructor.

Academic Integrity

In alignment with the Doane College Academic Policy, all projects should be representative of your own work. The use of others ideas and words without proper citation of the source is plagiarism. If you are in doubt about whether something constitutes plagiarism, please contact me. Failure to give proper credit to the source will result in an “F”. In addition, any other academic misconduct, including cheating will result in an “F” for the course.