
MOS 2310A / Finance for MOS

Course Outline: Section – 004 & 005 / Fall 2015

1. Course Information:

1.1 Class Location and Time:

Section 004: Room KB-K203 Time: 1:30AM - 4:30PM

Section 005: Room SSC-3026 Time: 9:30AM - 12:30PM

1.2 Contact Information:

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2. Course Description

2.1 Course Description:

This course provides overview of issues in financial management and corporate finance. Students will learn how financial managers make investment, financing and other decisions and the tools they use to make such decisions. Topics covered include time value of money, risk, valuation, capital structure, dividend policy and other selected issues.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course.

Antirequisite(s): Financial Modelling 2555A/B, the former Actuarial Science 2555A/B and MOS 3310A/B

NOTE: Students interested in pursuing an HBA Degree at the Richard Ivey School of Business must defer MOS 2310A/B and 2320A/B until Year 3. These two courses will not count towards the 10.0 credits required for admission to the HBA Program and are discouraged for those students continuing on to the Richard Ivey School of Business. Students continuing in MOS must complete MOS 2310A/B and 2320A/B in Year 3 prior to enrolling in MOS courses for which these courses are the prerequisite.

2.2 Senate Regulations

Senate Regulations state, “unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”

3. Textbook

Custom course text for MOS 2310 Corporate Finance. Adapted from Ross, S.A., Westerfield, R.W., Jordan, B.D., and Roberts, G.S. 2013. *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance. Eight Canadian Edition.* McGraw-Hill.

4. Course Objectives and Format

4.1 Course objectives

Upon completion of the course, successful students should be able to

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of financial markets and institutions and explain how firms obtain funds in the markets and at what cost
- Calculate the time value of money and apply the concepts to the valuation of financial securities such as bonds and stocks
- Distinguish among various types of risks and apply the Capital Asset Pricing Model to calculate returns, given appropriate risk measures
- Calculate the cost of capital and solve capital budgeting problems
- Explain how a firm might set its dividend policies
- Analyze a firm’s performance to determine its strengths and weaknesses, and be able to use financial analysis to improve performance
- Explain various strategies for managing a firm’s short-term assets and liabilities

4.2 Course format

The course is scheduled as a series of 3-hour lecture. Some class time might be set aside for course administration.

5. Evaluation

Exam #	Percentage of Course Grade
Midterm test (October 24, 2015. Saturday. 10am – noon)	40%
Final Exam (TBA)	40%
Assignments/Tests/Quizzes Attendance/In-class Activities	20%

Exams are **multiple choice questions**. Each exam, in total, will be scheduled for 2 **hours**, consist of 40 questions, and are **closed book examinations**. **Dictionaries are NOT allowed into the examinations.**

Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed into the exams. If you are unsure, please ask your professor to check your calculator.

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned chapters/sections in the text. Exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the professor's office.

Students are **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL COMPONENTS** of this course. There are no exceptions to this. Extra assignments to improve grades **will NOT** be allowed.

Exams will be scored using the program Scan Exam which examines the answer sheets for unusual coincidences in the pattern of answers given which may be indicative and used as supporting evidence of cheating.

Grades will **not** be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. Remember: *You* are responsible for your grades in this course.

6. Lecture and Examination Schedule (Tentative)

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 (Reading assignment) Financial Statements
- Chapter 3 Financial Ratio Analysis
- Chapter 18 (s. 18.1, 18.2, 18.4, 18.5, 18.6) Short-term Financial Planning
- Chapter 19 (s. 19.1, 19.3) Cash and Liquidity Management
- Chapter 20 (s. 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.6) Credit and Inventory Management
- Chapter 4 Long-term Financial Planning
- Chapter 5 Time Value of Money
- Chapter 6 Discounted Cash Flow Analysis
- Chapter 7 (s. 7.1–7.5, 7.7) Bond Valuation
- Midterm about here
- Chapter 8 (s. 8.1–8.3) Stock Valuation
- Chapter 15 (s. 15.1–15.4) Raising Capital
- Chapter 9 Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria
- Chapter 11 (s. 11.1–11.5) Project Analysis and Evaluation
- Chapter 12 (s. 12.1–12.6) Capital Market History
- Chapter 13 (s. 13.1, 13.2, 13.6, 13.7) Risk and Return
- Chapter 14 (s. 14.1–14.4, 14.7) Cost of Capital
- Chapter 16 (s. 16.1–16.3, 16.5, 16.8, 16.10) Financial Leverage and Capital Structure
- Chapter 17 Dividend Policy

7. University Policy Regarding Illness

7.1 Illness

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation supplied (see below for process) indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Dean's office (the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration/home Faculty) together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. These documents will be retained in the student's file, and will be held in confidence in accordance with the University's Official Student Record Information Privacy Policy

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/general/privacy.pdf

Once the petition and supporting documents have been received and assessed, appropriate academic accommodation shall be determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements for classes/labs/tutorials, arranging Special Exams or Incompletes, re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawals without academic penalty.

Academic accommodation shall be granted only where the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete his/her academic responsibilities. (Note: it will not be sufficient to provide documentation indicating simply that the student was seen for a medical reason or was ill.)

A form to be completed by off-campus physicians is available at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.

In the case of a final examination in the course, the student must arrange for a Special Examination or Incomplete through their Dean's office, for which you will be required to provide acceptable documentation.

If you feel that you have a medical or personal problem that is interfering with your work, you should contact your instructor and the Faculty Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. In general, retroactive requests for grade revisions on medical or compassionate grounds will not be considered.

7.2 Make Up Examinations

The student must write a make-up exam if the regularly scheduled exam is missed for reasons for which adequate documentation is received by the instructor (this documentation must be supplied by the Academic Counseling office).

7.3 Attendance

It is expected that students will attend all classes. The professor does not provide access to lecture notes. Students are encouraged to obtain missed lecture notes from a fellow student.

8. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses (see section 9.0 below). Looking at the test of another student, allowing another student to view your exam, or obtaining information about a test in advance are all examples of cheating. Students found cheating will receive a zero (0%) on that exam. A number of safeguards will be employed to discourage cheating. For example, examination supervisors (proctors) of the tests may

ask students to move to another seat during the exam, cover their paper, avert their eyes from other students' papers, remove baseball caps, etc. This is not meant as a personal affront nor as an accusation of cheating, rather as vigilant attempts at proctoring. A copy of guidelines about how to avoid cheating can be obtained from the office of the Ombudsperson, Room 3135, Western Student Services Building, (519) 661-3573.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offenses. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offenses in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offenses include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate, consult your instructor. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" will not be accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offense include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

9. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations

In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation). If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Assistant Program Director or Designate of the BMOS program. If the response of the Assistant Director is considered unsatisfactory to the student, he/she may then appeal to the Dean of the Faculty in which the course of program was taken. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean, may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office.

10. Student Responsibilities

Material covered in lectures will not always be the same as material covered in the textbook. These two sources should be viewed as complimentary and not redundant. As such, students who want to do well in this course are **strongly encouraged** to attend lectures on a regular basis. Please note that the instructor will not be providing copies of lectures notes or overheads. Therefore, if you miss a lecture, you should try to obtain this material from another student.

In this class, some students may be unaware that their private discussions are distracting to other people. If you feel that students are distracting your attention from the material, then you should ask them to be quiet. If you feel uncomfortable doing this (or the problem persists), then please see the instructor. In addition, please avoid engaging in private discussions with other students during the lectures. Electronic devices and cell phones must be turned off or mute before the class starts.

To avoid unnecessary distractions, please arrive to each class on time.

11. Support Services

11.1 Support Services

The Registrar's office can be accessed for Student Support Services at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca> Student Support Services (**including the services provided by the USC listed here**) can be reached at: <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Services can be reached at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

12. Other Issues

12.1 Grade Policy

The DAN Program has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 1000-2999 range, the class average must fall between 65% and 70% for all sections of a course taught by the same instructor. In very exceptional circumstances only, class averages outside this range may be approved by the Undergraduate Chair or Chair. Class averages are not grounds for appeal.

12.2 Short Absences.

If you miss a class due to minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or exam. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow the missed lectures notes from a classmate.

12.3 Extended Absences.

If you are absent more than approximately two weeks or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. The Academic Counsellors can help you to consider the alternatives. At your request, they can also keep your instructors informed about your difficulties.

12.4 Academic Concerns.

If you are in academic difficulty, it is strongly recommended that you see your academic counsellor.

12.5 Important Dates:

September 10, 2015 Classes begin

September 18, 2015 Last day to add a full course or first-term half course

October 29 - 30, 2015 Fall Study Break

November 5, 2015 last day to drop a first term half course.

November 30, 2015 Last day to drop full course.

December 9, 2015 Fall Session classes end.

December 10, 2015 Study Day

December 11-22, 2015 December examination period.

January , 2016 Winter Session classes begin.

January , 2016 Last day to add a second-term half course

February 8, 2016 Family Day

February 8 - 12, 2016 Reading Week

March , 2016 Last day to drop a second-term half course without academic penalty

March 25, 2016 Good Friday

April , 2016 Winter Session classes end.

April , 2016 Study Days

April -30, 2016 April examination period

13. E-mail Policies

For privacy reasons, students must use their Western email accounts to contact the professor. The professor will not respond to emails from non-uwo.ca addresses (e.g., hotmail.com, gmail.com, yahoo.com, etc.). Subject line must include course and section number.

Acceptable emails include:

- questions about the course content or materials that require no more than two sentences in the instructor's email reply
- asking to set up or reschedule an appointment
- notification of illness or special circumstances
- providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

Non-acceptable emails include:

- questions that may be answered on the course webpage or the course outline
- asking when grades will be posted
- asking what grade a student received or whether the student passed the test/exam
- asking when or where an exam/test is scheduled
- asking which material will be covered on an exam/test
- asking for tips about an exam/test
- requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components
- questions about the course content or materials that require more than two sentences in the instructor's email reply
- questions about course administration (e.g., additional office hours, changes in lecture schedule) that has been announced in class
- questions related to exam/test materials after the exam/test and before the exam/test is returned to class

The instructor will not reply any non-acceptable emails.

The instructor will not re-teach in emails any material covered in class. Students are responsible for any missed material.

The instructor performs many other academic responsibilities in addition to teaching. Do not expect an immediate reply from the instructor. The instructor will try to reply student emails within a couple of days either through email or directly in class.