# MOS 3313B: Financial Markets and Institutions Course Outline: Section 002 / Winter 2019

# **1. Course Information:**

1.1 Class Location and Time: M 1:30pm-4:30pm, UC 2110

#### 1.2 Contact Information: Instructor: Daniel Brou Office: SSC 4425

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# 2. Calendar Description

### 2.1 Course Description:

This course examines the form and function of various financial markets and the manner in which financial managers use these markets to accomplish strategic corporate objectives. The objective of this course is to prepare students for successful interaction with financial markets and institutions. Focus will be placed on the behavior of major financial institutions and their role in the intermediation process as suppliers of funds as well as the form and function of specific financial markets. 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course.

Prerequisites: MOS 2310A/B or MOS 3310A/B and enrolment in 3rd or 4th year of BMOS.

### 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."

This regulation is in regards to the COURSES required. Students not in BMOS are permitted to enroll in up to 1.0 MOS courses, per the Academic Timetable.

## 3. Textbook

Financial Markets and Institutions, Custom Edition for MOS 3313, Nelson Publishing, ISBN 0176784799.

## 4. Course Objectives and Format

#### 4.1 Course objectives

The objective of this course is to prepare students for successful interaction with financial markets and institutions.

#### 4.2 Course format

Lectures and class discussions.

## 5. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of MOS 3313 Financial Markets and Institutions, students will

- Assess and critique the relevant models of interest rate and asset price determination.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the instruments and structure of various financial markets.
- Critically evaluate the role and function of the financial system in reference to the macro economy.
- Consider the scope and necessity for regulation of the financial system at a national and international level.
- Identify and categorize the determinants of bank failure and financial crises.

## 6. Evaluation

Midterm Exam	40%	[In-class: Monday, February 25, 2018]
Assignments	20%	[Throughout the term; to be announced in class]
Final Exam	40%	[During the final exam period; to be set by the Registrar's Office]

The midterm and the final exams are short answer and numerical format, 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 must write assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offense. All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

Students are responsible for material covered in the lectures as well as the assigned chapters/sections in the text. The midterm exam will be in class time. The final exam will be scheduled during the exam period. Tests and exams will not be returned to students but may be reviewed in the instructor'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. Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need.

# 7. Lecture and Examination Schedule

This is a tentative schedule. A detailed lecture schedule will be posted on the course website on OWL. The professor reserves the right to change or update this outline, and any other course related materials, at any time. Students will be informed in a timely manner through course website and/or announcements during class.

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.

January 7	Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions	
January 14	Interest rates	
January 21	Central banks and monetary policy	
January 28	Money Markets	
February 4	Capital Markets	
February 11	Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Markets	
February 18	Reading Week – No class	
February 25	Midterm Exam	
March 4	Fundamentals of Financial Institutions	
March 11	Deposit Taking Institutions	
March 18	Regulation of Financial Institutions	
March 25	Non-Bank Financial Institutions	
April 1	Special Topics	
April 8	Financial Crises	

## 8. E-mail Policies

The following policies apply to all emails between students and the Professor. Please respect the fact that the Professor receives hundreds of emails from students and must deal with those emails in a fair and organized manner. Unacceptable emails will receive a reply saying only "Please see Email Policies on the course outline".

### 8.1 UWO.CA Email Addresses Only

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, etc.).

### 8.2 Subject Line Must Include Course and Section Number

The subject line of emails must contain the name or number of the course, and the section number in which the student is enrolled. The Professor teaches different courses and sections and cannot properly respond to questions if he does not know which course or section you are enrolled in.

#### 8.3 Acceptable Emails

- questions about the course content or materials
- asking to set up an appointment to ask questions or review an exam
- notification of illness or other special circumstances
- providing constructive comments or feedback about the course

#### 8.4 Unacceptable Emails

- questions that may be answered on OWL or on this course outline
- asking when grades will be posted
- asking what grade a student received
- asking where or when an exam is scheduled or the material covered on an exam
- requests for grade increases, extra assignments, or reweighting of course components

## 9. University Policy Regarding 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 <a href="http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/general/privacy.pdf">http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/general/privacy.pdf</a>

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: <u>http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf</u>

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.

## 10. University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated; students are referred to the university policy on scholastic offenses. 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 <u>Ombudsperson</u>, Room 3135 WSSB, (519) 661-3573, <u>ombuds@uwo.ca</u>.

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 <u>Academic Calendar</u>. 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.

# **11. Procedures For Appealing Academic Evaluations**

- 1. In the first instance, all appeals of a grade must be made to the course instructor (informal consultation).
- 2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal must be sent to the Undergraduate Chair: Student Affairs of the Department of Management and Organizational Studies.
- 3. If the response of the Undergraduate Chair 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.
- 4. 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 <u>Ombudsperson's Office</u>.

# **12. Support Services**

### 12.1 Support Services

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

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 <u>http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental\_health/</u> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

### 12.2 Academic Concerns.

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

# 13. Other Issues

### 13.1 Grade Policy

The DAN Department has a grade policy which states that for courses in the 3000 - 4000 range, the class average must fall between 70% and 77% 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.

### 13.2 Senate Policy

For The University of Western Ontario Senate Regulations, please see the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy at: <u>http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic\_policies/index.html</u>