

COURSE INFORMATION

Course title:	Introductory Finance	Credits:	1.5
Course code:	BAFI 500	Class location:	Zoom (link below)
Session, term, period:	2020 W2 (Mar-Apr)	Class times:	Mon & Wed 8:00 – 10:00AM
Section(s):	001	Pre-requisites:	None
Division:	Finance	Co-requisites:	None
Program:	MBA		
Course website:	https://canvas.ubc.ca		

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the foundations of financial economics. This includes concepts such as the time value of money, interest rates, the functioning of capital markets, and capital budgeting. Furthermore, students will gain exposure to important asset classes such as fixed income and equity.

COURSE FORMAT

Live lectures on Zoom will be the main teaching mode of this course:

Zoom Link: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/63150742535?pwd=M2E4cUI0Wml5UEZhUm9mQThiOW5KQT09>
Meeting ID: 631 5074 2535
Passcode: 488569

Class time will be used for a combination of lectures, discussion, and solving sample problems. Attendance is expected to accomplish the learning objectives below. Lectures and discussions will assume that students have pre-read the corresponding lecture notes and viewed short pre-recorded video lectures.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students who successfully complete the course will have an ability to quantitatively evaluate the financial benefits associated with personal and corporate investment decisions. Students will also have a basic understanding of the determinants of discount rates. The course forms the foundation for further coursework in the finance curriculum.

ASSESSMENTS

The course grade will be determined based on the weights that are given in the table below.

Submission Details

- The problem sets will be administered as quizzes through the course website.
- The project will be submitted to ComPAIR (a peer-evaluation software), which can be accessed through the course website.
- BMC–Bloomberg Market Concepts–is an online course. Signup information will be posted on the course website.
- The final exam will take place during exam week.

Component	Weight
PS 1	10%
PS 2	10%
PS 3	10%
PS 4	10%
Project	20%
BMC	10%
Final exam	30%
Total	100%

LEARNING MATERIALS

Lecture Notes

Self-contained lecture notes will be posted on the course website before each lecture.

Textbook

The lecture notes are supplemented by the following textbook: Berk, DeMarzo, Stangeland: Corporate Finance, 4th Canadian Edition. <http://www.mypearsonstore.ca/bookstore/corporate-finance-fourth-canadian-edition-0134632281> The textbook is optional, but I encourage students to have access to it (or an older edition). The readings provide alternative perspectives and explanations to the lecture notes, which will aid your understanding.

COURSE-SPECIFIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Missed or late assignments, and regrading of assessments

Late submissions will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero, unless an academic concession is granted.

Academic Concessions

If extenuating circumstances arise, please contact the RHL Graduate School program office as early as reasonably possible, and submit an [Academic Concession Request & Declaration Form](https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee) <https://webforms.sauder.ubc.ca/academic-concession-rhlee>. If an academic concession is granted during the course, the student will be provided options by RHL, or by the instructor in consultation with RHL, per [UBC's policy on Academic Concession](#).

Other Course Policies and Resources

Re-grading Policy

Mistakes can occasionally be made in grading. Email your instructor within one week of the receipt of the grade if you believe there is a significant mistake in the grading of your work. Explain in detail where and why you think the grading was done incorrectly. The entire assignment/exam will be re-graded, and your grade may increase or decrease as a result.

POLICIES APPLICABLE TO COURSES IN THE ROBERT H. LEE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Attendance

Excepting extenuating circumstances, students are expected to attend 100% of their scheduled class hours. Absent students limit their own academic potential, and that of their classmates, and cause unnecessary disruption to the learning environment. Students missing more than 20% of the total scheduled class hours for a course (including classes held during the add/drop period) without having received an academic concession will be withdrawn from that course. Withdrawals, depending on timing, could result in a "W" or an "F" standing on the transcript.

Punctuality

Students are expected to arrive for classes and activities on time and fully prepared to engage. Late arrivals may be refused entry at the discretion of the instructor or activity lead. Students arriving later than halfway through a scheduled class will be treated as absent for that class.

Electronic Devices

During online lectures, students are not permitted to use any electronic devices other than the primary one used for attending the online lecture (e.g. laptop or desktop). Only Zoom should be open during the online lecture unless an instructor advises the use of another for an in-class activity. Feedback from students indicates that personal devices is the number one distraction from effective learning and participation in the online learning environment.

Citation Style

Please use the American Psychological Association (APA) reference style to cite your sources.

Details of the above policies and other RHL Policies are available at:

<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,199,506,1625>

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES

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COURSE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Class	Date	Topics	Readings	Assessments
1	Mar 8	Introduction, overview of financial markets	Ch. 1, 10	
2	Mar 10	Time value of money, discounting	Ch. 4	
3	Mar 15	Interest rates, yield curve	Ch. 5	PS 1: due 8AM
4	Mar 17	Fixed income securities	Ch. 6	
5	Mar 22	Fixed income securities	Ch. 6	PS 2: due 8AM
6	Mar 24	Efficient markets, event studies	Ch. 13	
7	Mar 29	Stocks	Ch. 7, 11, 12	PS 3: due 8AM
8	Mar 31	Stocks	Ch. 7, 11, 12	
	Apr 5	No class (Easter Monday)		
9	Apr 7	Capital budgeting	Ch. 8	PS 4: due 8AM
10	Apr 9	Capital budgeting	Ch. 8	Project and BMC: due 11:59PM