



A POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION

School of Business

Program: International Trade and Transportation

FMGT 3550
Business Finance 1**Start Date:** September 2004**End Date:** December 2004**Total Hours:** 42 **Total Weeks:** 14**Term/Level:** 3 **Course Credits:** 3**Hours/Week:** 3 **Lecture:** 1 **Lab:** 2**Shop:** **Seminar:** **Other:****Prerequisites****FMGT 3550 is a Prerequisite for:****Course No. Course Name****Course No. Course Name**

FMGT 2100 Accounting 2

FMGT 4550 Business Finance 2

Course Description

Familiarizes students with the role finance plays in business and industry. Students will obtain a basic understanding of the interrelationships of finance with the other functional aspects of business. Teaches students common decision-making tools in finance to enable them to react intelligently under varying conditions within a business environment of ever increasing complexity. Special emphasis will be given to the services provided by financial institutions to firms that take part in international trade.

Evaluation

Midterm	50%
Final Examination	50%
TOTAL	100%

Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies

Upon successful completion, the student will be able to:

- identify how finance builds upon the disciplines of accounting and economics.
- discuss the analytical decision-making nature of finance within a risk-return framework.
- outline the activities of financial managers that are primarily based on the raising and investing of funds in an efficient manner.

Verification

I verify that the content of this course outline is current.

J. Terry Gordon

Authoring Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline has been reviewed.

Program Head/Chief Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline complies with BCIT policy.

Dean/Associate Dean

Date

Note: Should changes be required to the content of this course outline, students will be given reasonable notice.

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Learning Resources

Required:

Foundations of Financial Management, Sixth Canadian Edition. By Stanley Block, Geoffrey Hirt and Douglas Short, ISBN 0-07-089762, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2003.

Financial calculator (Sharp EL-733A is **highly recommended**)

Recommended:

- Publisher's online learning centre: <http://www.mcgrawhill.ca/college/block>
- Access to a daily or weekly financial newspaper (e.g. National Post, Globe and Mail, The Economist) will be useful as many of our discussions in the seminars will be focused on current events in the world of finance.
- Internet access for research purposes and to access the course web site.

Information for Students

Self Study Problems: Suggested self-study problems will be assigned throughout the term. This homework will not be collected or marked, but it is essential that you work through the problems in order to understand the material and perform well on the exams. Time permitting we will take up most of these problems during the labs. For your own sake, please resist the temptation to simply look at solutions without having worked through the problems yourself.

Makeup Exams: There will be **no** makeup tests, exams or quizzes. If you miss a test, exam or quiz, you will receive zero marks. Exceptions may be made for **documented** medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. In such a case, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor **immediately**.

Ethics: BCIT assumes that all students attending the Institute will follow a high standard of ethics. Incidents of cheating or plagiarism may, therefore, result in a grade of zero for the assignment, quiz, test, exam, or project for all parties involved and/or expulsion from the course.

Attendance: The attendance policy as outlined in the current BCIT Calendar will be enforced. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each session. Students not present at that time will be recorded as absent.

Illness: A doctor's note is required for any illness causing you to miss assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, or exam. At the discretion of the instructor, you may complete the work missed or have the work prorated.

Attempts: Students must successfully complete a course within a maximum of three attempts at the course. Students with two attempts in a single course will be allowed to repeat the course only upon special written permission from the Associate Dean. Students who have not successfully completed a course within three attempts will not be eligible to graduate from the appropriate program.

Course Outline Changes: The material or schedule specified in this course outline may be changed by the instructor. If changes are required, they will be announced in class

Course Schedule

Week of	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/ Reading
Sept. 6	Introduction to Corporate Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Corporate Finance • Goals of Financial Management • Financial Institutions, Financial Markets and the Corporation 	Chapter 1
Sept. 13	Review of Accounting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Statement and Balance Sheet • Cash Flow • Taxes and Capital Cost Allowance 	Chapter 2
Sept. 20	Financial Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratio Analysis • Use of Ratios to Analyze a Firm 	Chapter 3
Sept. 27	Financial Forecasting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Forma Income Statement • Balance Sheet and Cash Budget 	Chapter 4
Oct. 4	Operating and Financial Leverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break-even Analysis 	Chapter 5
Oct. 11	Catch-up and exam review	
Oct. 18	Midterm Exam on - Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	
Oct 25 & Nov. 1	Working Capital Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing Decision • Cash Management • Inventory Control • Management of Accounts Receivable 	Chapters 6 & 7
Nov. 8	Sources of Short-Term Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Bank Financing, Commercial Paper, EuroDollars and Hedging 	Chapter 8
Nov. 15 & 22	Valuation and Rates of Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuing Bonds, Preferred Stock and Common Stock 	Chapter 10
Nov. 29	Catch-up and exam review	
Dec. 6	Final Examination – Chapters 6, 7, 8 & 10	