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School of Business Program: Financial Management Option: Accounting Degree Course Outline

FMGT 7510 Advanced Finance

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Start Date:	January 7, 2004			End Date: April 14, 2004	
Total Hours: Hours/Week:	45 Total Weeks:3 Lecture:	15 3	Lab:	0	Term/Level:DegCourse Credits:3Shop:Seminar:Other:
PrerequisitesCourse No.Course NameFMGT 4510Finance 2		FMGT 7510 is a Prerequisite for:Course No.Course NameFMGT 8910Integrative Business Management Practices			

v Course Description

This course stresses the application of financial strategies and techniques to the financing challenges commonly faced by business enterprises and formulate solutions to those challenges. Using a predominately private corporation, case based approach, students will be introduced to various areas of business operations which drive financing requirements or which may exacerbate financial challenges and then examine means of satisfying those requirements or modifying operations to minimize financial challenges.

v Detailed Course Description

The nature of this course is to apply a variety of financial concepts (originally introduced in Finance 1 and 2) in a more applied setting. Although the theory behind these concepts may be reviewed in class, students are expected to already have a reasonable understanding of the materials. Those wishing to review any financial concepts which may be applied here are encouraged to use one of the finance texts, referenced in the "Learning Resources – Recommended" section of this outline. In addition, handouts will be provided to expand or provide additional illustration to the concepts to be discussed. The handouts will be related to the cases and will be used to add richness to the concepts and cases covered.

v Evaluation

Mid Term Exam
Final Exam
Case Studies
Written Case and Presentation

TOTAL

100%

20%

30%

30%

20%

Comments: The mid term and final will be case based. Marks for "Case Studies" will be based on preparation of a weekly case study assignment and full discussion of the case in class. Students will be asked each week, on a random basis, to submit their case analysis. In the second half of the course, small groups will be assigned one case to formally prepare and hand in, as well present to the class.

Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies

Upon successful completion, the student will be able to:

- Identify unique financing issues and challenges small business managers face. ш
- Understand the impact financial decisions may have on other aspects of the business. в
- Analyze the various short term financing options available as well as determine benefits and cost of each. н
- Utilize conceptual frameworks for evaluating new projects.
- Discuss various methods and criteria employed in valuing and assessing start up ventures. .

Verification

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

Jerome Gessaroli, BA, MBA

December 10, 2003

Authoring Instructor	Date
I verify that this course outline has been reviewed.	
Allan Cobbett, Dipl.T, LL.B., MBA, CMA	
Program Head/Chief Instructor	Date
I verify that this course outline complies with BCIT policy.	
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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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v Learning Resources

Required:

Case study pack available at BCIT bookstore, and Articles in course outline schedule

Recommended:

Davis and Pinches. Canadian Financial Management, 4th edition, Addison Wesley Longman, 2002.

or

Block, Hirt, and Short. Foundations of Financial Management, 6th Cdn edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd, 2003.

v Information for Students

I.D. Required In Exam Halls: Effective December 2000, students will be required to produce photo-identification for admittance to examination halls. Photo I.D. must be placed on the desk while writing the exam, for inspection by invigilators. Students should bring a BCIT OneCard or alternatively two pieces of identification, one of which must be government photo I.D. such as a drivers license. Please see BCIT Policy #5300, Formal Invigilation Procedures.

Attendance: If a student is absent for any cause, other than illness (Dr's note may be required); for more than 10% of the time prescribed for the course, the student may be prohibited from completing the course. Please see BCIT Policy #5201, Attendance.

Assignments: Late assignments, lab reports or projects will not be accepted for marking. Assignments must be done on an individual basis unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

Makeup Tests, Exams or Quizzes: 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.

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.

Lecture Notes and Other Information: Lecture notes will be available through the share out directory under the FMGT7510 folder. Notes will be posted in advance of the lecture. The notes DO NOT replace attendance at lectures. They are meant to be a complement to lectures. There may also be, from time to time, other information sources on the share out directory that will be required reading.

Schedule

Week of/ Number	Material Covered	Pre Reading	Assignments Due
. 1	 Introduction and Course Orientation Finance Pre-Test Cash Budgets 	 Readings: Welsh, J. and White, J. "A small business is not a little big business", <u>Harvard Business</u> <u>Review</u>, Jul/Aug 1981. Levin, R. and Travis V. "Small company finance: what the books don't say", <u>HBR</u>, Nov/Dec 1987. 	
2	Cash budgeting caseReadingsLoans	 Readings: Arnold, J. "How to negotiate a term loan", <u>HBR</u>, Mar/Apr 1982. "Note on Bank Loans", Harvard Business School, Oct. 29, 1993. 	Case – Palmer Limited
3	 Loan evaluation case Readings Working capital & financing review 	Reading: Viscone, J. "How long should you borrow short term?" <u>HBR</u> , Mar/Apr, 1986.	Case – Clarkson Lumber Company
4	 Working capital policy and financing case Readings Credit policy 	Reading: Wilson, N. & Summers, B. "Trade Credit Terms Offered by Small Firms: Survey Evidence and Empirical Analysis", Journal of Business Finance & Accounting, Vol. 29, Ap/My 2002, pp. 317 – 329, 348, 349.	Case – Chef's Selection
5	 Working capital and credit policy case Readings Collections for small business 	 Readings: Borowski, M. & Bogin, M. "Factoring for future success: How invoice discounting can", <u>CMA</u> <u>Management</u>, Vol.76 Oct.,2002, pp. 12 - 13. D&B Credit Check Report <u>http://www.dnb.ca/products/credcheck</u>.<u>html</u> (click "see a sample") 	Case – Mitchell Lumber Co.
6	 Credit policy cont'd Readings Capital Budgeting review 		Case – SRI Office Products Inc.
7		 Readings: Block, S. "Capital Budgeting Techniques Used by Small Business Firms in the 1990s", <u>The Engineering Economist</u>, Summer 1997, Vol. 42, No.4 Handout: Brigham, E. "Fundamentals of Financial Management", 10e., 2004, pp.532,533 	

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8	 Cash flow estimation case Readings Business Plan 	 Readings: Zider, B. "How Venture Capital Works" <u>HBR</u>, Nov/Dec 1998. Note On Contents of a Term Sheet Cooper, J. "Beyond the banks. Angels, loans and merchant bankers" <u>CMA Management</u>, Vol.76, Mar 2002, pp. 53-54 	Case – Cranfield Inc.
9	 Readings Financing and valuing a new venture FX Hedging Review 	 Reading: McCann, J. & Shade, D. "A Strategic Approach to Foreign Exchange", <u>TMA Journal</u>, Vol.17, Nov/Dec97. 	Case – Electro Technology Corporation
10	 FX Hedging case Readings L/Cs & Documentary Collections 	Reading: http://www.tdcommercialbanking. com/tradefinance/crash/crash.jsp	Case – Advance Technologies Inc.
11	 International finance case Readings Financial distress/failure 	 Readings: Bryk, A. "The Ties that bond:", <u>CA Magazine</u> Vol. 135, Oct, 2002, p.37,38 Sands, E. "Saving an Insolvent Company", <u>CGA Magazine</u>, Vol.39, Oct. 1997, pp. 30 – 36. Staples, S. "Out of the red", <u>Canadian Business</u>, Vol. 74, October, 2001, pp. 58 – 61. 	Case – Alfred Brooks Menswear Limited
12	Financial distress/failure caseReadings		Case – The Gun Shoppe Inc.
13	 Student presentations 		Student cases due
14	Student presentations (cont'd)Course review		
15	Final Exam		