



**Nanchang University**  
**FINM301: Corporate Finance**  
(Last Updated in Jan. 2024)

**Credit:** 6

***Contact Hours***

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session (3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours) at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

***Course Description***

As financial management become increasingly crucial, this course helps students study the necessary tool for both personal investment principles and practical business problems, with introducing rigorous quantitative methods.

*Note: This Syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class.*

***Required Textbook***

**Textbook:** *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, by Ross, Westerfield, Jordan

***Grading***

- Participation 5%
- Homework 20%
- Presentation 15%
- Midterm 25%
- Final Exam 35%

Letter Grade	Grade Points
High Distinction	85-100
Distinction	75-84
Credit	65-74
Pass	50-64
Fail	0-49



## ***Course Schedule***

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Class 1:

Introduction to the course and syllabus-related materials

Class 2:

Overview of Corporate Finance

Class 3:

Derivative Securities

Class 4:

Financial Statement and taxes

Class 5:

Foundations of Net Present Value

Class 6:

Cash Flow

Class 7:

Ratio Analysis

Class 8:

Corporate Growth

Class 9:

Interest rates

Class 10:

Financial Planning

Class 11:

Bond Valuation

Class 12:

Stock Valuation



Class 13:  
Review for Midterm

Class 14:  
Midterm

Class 15:  
Equity Markets

Class 16:  
The Market Efficiency (cont.)

Class 17:  
The Market Efficiency

Class 18:  
Portfolio Theory

Class 19:  
Capital Asset

Class 20:  
Capital Asset Pricing : Model Workshop

Class 21:  
Cost of Capital

Class 22:  
Optimal Debt Policy

Class 23:  
Dividend Policy

Class 24:  
Overall Review

### ***Attending Policy***

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.



## ***Policy on “Late Withdrawals”***

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

## ***Academic Honesty***

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

## ***General Expectations:***

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

## ***Special Needs or Assistance***

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.