

**SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS**  
**FINANCE 300-Managerial Finance**

**Session: Begins: Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

**Ends: Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

**Place/Time: RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Decatur, IL. - Wed. 6:00-10:00p.m.**

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**Course Description: Analysis of the functions of financial management in the decision-making process of the firm. Prerequisite: ACCT 112, MATH 115**

### **Textbook and Materials**

**Required text: *FUNDAMENTALS OF FINANCAL MANAGEMENT*, Brigham & Houston, 11<sup>TH</sup> Edition.**

**Required materials: TI-83 scientific calculator, graph paper, folder for assignments, homework notebook (become familiar with the financial functions of the calculator)**

### **Teaching Methods**

Teaching methods will vary depending on the material presented. Methods used include: collaborative classroom problem solving, classroom discussion of topics, small group problem solving, computer laboratory assignments where applicable and as time permits, in class problem solving with discussion, writing assignments, homework assignments, individual presentation of work, applications reflective of the real world and projects. Students should monitor various news outlets (*Wall Street Journal, Business Week, Fortune, Forbes, or The Economist*) for financial information that relates to the topics discussed in the course.

### **Course Requirements**

**Attendance policy:** An attendance sheet will be provided for you to sign in when attending class. This is a method to know who is present on a given day. These sheets will be used to provide the administrative offices with attendance records.

**MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN each session.**

**Homework:** Homework will be given on Wednesday and you will have one week to complete the assignment and turn it in to the instructor. There will be four graded homework assignments to do and submit. An assignment sheet will be distributed in class listing the chapter problems to do in your notebook as practice. Also, the problems to do and turn in for a grade will be listed.

**Tests:** There will be four TESTS-one on each chapter covered. If you anticipate a conflict with a test day, please discuss an alternate testing date with the instructor prior to the test.

**Projects:** There will be two projects assigned in the course. The first project will be due at midterm and the second project will be due the evening of the final exam. Guidelines will be provided for the projects and serve as the criteria for evaluation.

**FINAL EXAM:** The final exam will be comprehensive. The final exam will be given on the last day of class. Finals will be given in the room used for class.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- A. **Goal:** To provide students with the basic tools for effective financial decision-making within a firm and to develop an understanding of financial markets and security valuation.
- B. **Student Learning Objectives:** At the completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:
  1. Understand the role of financial managers in a business organization and be able to analyze the basic fundamental statements of a firm.
  2. Demonstrate how financial markets operate and the relationship between risk and reward.
  3. Analyze security prices and make financial decisions based on their valuation.
  4. Apply quantitative techniques to make long-term investment decisions.

**Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is utilizing the ideas or work of another and claiming them as your own. Give credit where credit is due. If a student is caught plagiarizing another student's work, the student will be given the opportunity to resubmit the assignment. If this happens again with the same student, the student will receive a zero on that assignment and no recourse will be available.

**American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Benedictine University at Springfield College in Illinois provides individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations to participate in educational programs, activities and services. Students with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in college-sponsored programs, activities and services or to meet course requirements should contact the Director of the Resource Center as early as possible.

**First Class Session:**

**ASSIGNMENT FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008**

- 1. Read Chapters 1 & 2. Be prepared to discuss these chapters in class.**
- 2. Obtain the use of a financial calculator (TI 83) and the calculator manual.**
- 3. Spend time becoming familiar with the financial functions of the calculator.**

**Grade Determination:**

**Grading Scale:**

<b>100% to 90%</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>89% to 80%</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>79% to 70%</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>69% to 60%</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Below 60%</b>	<b>E</b>

**Grades based on:**

<b>Tests</b>	<b>400 points</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>200 points</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>200 points</b>
<b><u>FINAL</u></b>	<b><u>200 points</u></b>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>1,000points</b>