

Edison State Community College

FIN 229S - Business Finance

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Credentials: Master of Business Administration, Franklin University, 2020
Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Franklin University, 2019

Course Description: This course provides in-depth study of financial management of business enterprises with emphasis on financial analysis, working with capital management, short and long-term financing, capital budgeting, cost of capital, and dividend policy. This course is 3 credit hours.
Prerequisite: ACC 122S and FIN 119S.

Required Materials

These two (2) items listed below are mandatory to ensure success in this class:

- Managerial Finance, Version 1.1 (2021), Scott and Barnhorst. FlatWorld Publishing ISBN: 978-1-4533-3789-9
 - Purchase through the Edison State Bookstore or directly from Flatworld.
 - Use the “Textbook Link” in Blackboard to redeem your access and begin reading.
- **HP10Bii+ Financial, Business Calculator, NW239AA**; Choose from one of these options:
 - App options: [HP10Bii+ App](#) Available for Android or I Phone
 - Free computer emulator option: [Windows Emulator](#) Program download: Available for Windows or Mac
 - Physical calculator: ISBN13 8780000125867
- **Microsoft Excel:** Microsoft Office 365 is available to student free of charge through Edison State’s webpage.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will:

- Evaluate corporate financial performance using financial statements
- Apply capital budgeting techniques and assess investment decisions
- Analyze cost of capital, financial leverage, and capital structure
- Explore dividend policy and internal financing strategies
- Understand funding options in capital markets and equity financing

Evaluation Breakdown

Grading Category	Points	Weight	Cumulative Points	% of Grade	Letter Grade
Chapter Assignments/Quizzes	550	58%	855 - 950	90 - 100 %	A
Chapter 1-6 & 10-13 Quiz	100	11%	760 - 855	80 - 89.9 %	B
Discussion Boards	50	5%	665 - 760	70 - 79.9 %	C
Starbucks Projects	100	11%	570 - 665	60 - 69.9%	D
Capstone	150	16%	570 and below	59.9% and below	F
Total	950	100%			

Assignment Overview

- **Chapter Homework**
Application-focused exercises aligned with textbook chapters. Assignments submitted through Blackboard for grading and feedback.
- **Quizzes**
Chapter-based assessments that reinforce financial concepts and terminology. Completed in Blackboard, open-book allowed.
- **Comprehensive Quizzes – 2 of them**
Cumulative evaluations based on material covered throughout the term. Exams are submitted via Blackboard and require use of the HP10Bii+ calculator and/or excel.
- **Discussion Board**
Engage with peers in written reflections and applied financial scenarios. Students are expected to post thoughtful contributions and respond to classmates.
- **Individual Case Study**
Short business finance scenarios where students analyze problems and make data-driven decisions.
- **Capstone**
This story-based project brings together Chapter 5-16 by applying ratios, valuation, WACC, capital budgeting, cash flows, leverage, dividends, and the CCC in one fun, engaging final assignment.

Student Expectations

- Read assigned chapters and complete all problems.
- Stay active in the course and access support materials in Blackboard.
- Communicate promptly with your instructor about questions or challenges or if you anticipate missing deadlines.
- Students are expected to adhere to the deadlines as posted in the class schedule.
- Follow Edison State's Academic Honesty Policy.

Ethical Use of AI

AI tools may support learning—such as brainstorming, revising reflections, or formatting—but must not replace your own effort.

- All graded work (quizzes, discussion boards, practice sets, etc.) must reflect your understanding.
- Submitting AI-generated work without meaningful personal input violates academic integrity and earns a zero.
- Use AI as a guide, not a substitute. Integrity matters.

Notes:

- The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time.
- Refer to your class schedule for assignments and due dates.
- See *Syllabus Part II Addendum* for additional student support services.

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AI POLICY - All coursework for this class must be authored solely by you. While limited use of generative AI tools like ChatGPT is permitted for brainstorming, outlining ideas, or checking grammar and style, AI-generated submissions—including drafts, full sentences, paragraphs, or entire assignments—are strictly prohibited and will be treated as academic misconduct. Any approved AI assistance must be properly documented and cited, in alignment with the college's academic honesty policies. If you're unsure about permitted usage, please ask for clarification before proceeding

ACCOMMODATIONS /ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES POLICY

Edison State Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you believe you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, contact the instructor privately with your self-identification letter. If you do not have a self-identification letter, contact Accessibility and Disability Support Services by emailing accessibilitysupport@edisonohio.edu or by calling 937.381.1548. Accessibility and Disability Support Services is located on the Piqua Campus in Room 160. For additional information, visit <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/accessibility-disability-support-services>

TESTING YOUR FAITH ACT POLICY - Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registration-records>, located in "Forms" and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>.

TITLE IX STATEMENT - Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

It is the policy of the College to maintain a learning environment free from bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual violence. Title IX federal law protects students, employees and third parties with a relationship to the college. All Edison State Community College employees are required to report all knowledge of incidents that violate the Title IX policy to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator immediately. Student and employee confidential consultation is available through the Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services. Title IX Policy and procedure language as well as contact information for the Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/TitleIX/.

TUTORING SERVICES - All Edison State students are eligible to receive free tutoring and learning support services through our Tutoring Center. Available services include Edison State tutors, both online and in-person, covering a wide variety of courses including various levels of math and paper reviews, online tutoring through OhioLINK eTutoring, distraction-reduced study rooms, and the use of Tutoring Center resources including subject-specific and general study guides. For more information on tutoring services, visit the Tutoring Center in the Library, email us at tutoringcenter@edisonohio.edu, call 937-778-7959, or visit our webpage at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/>

FIN-229S Business Finance Class Schedule

Week	Date	Chapter/Subject	Discussion Boards	Assignments	Due Date
1	8/24/2026	C1: Intro to Modern Corporate Finance	Discussion Board #1: Introduction	C1 Quiz C1 Homework	Main Post Wed, 8/26/2026 Remainder: Sun, 8/30/2026
2	8/31/2026	C3: Corporate Ethics & Shareholder Wealth		C3 Quiz C3 Homework	Main Post Wed, 9/2/2026 Remainder: Sun, 9/6/2026
3	9/7/2026	C4: Time Value of Money	Discussion Board #2: Comcast Cable TV	C4 Quiz C4 Homework	Sun, 09/13/2026
4	9/14/2026	C5: Valuation of Financial Securities		C5 Quiz C5 Homework	Main Post Wed, 9/16/2026 Remainder: Sun, 9/20/2026
5	9/21/2026	C7: Tech. of Capital Budgeting	Case Study #1	C7 Quiz C7 Homework	Sun, 09/27/2026
6	9/28/2026	C8: Est. Project Cash Flows	Group Project #1 Begins	C8 Quiz C8 Homework	Sun, 10/4/2026
7	10/5/2026	C11: Risk & Diversification	Group Project #1 Continue	C11 Quiz C11 Homework	Sun, 10/11/2026
8	10/12/2026	Midterm Exam -1st Half of Chapters to Date	Group Project #1 Due	Complete Midterm Exam	Sun, 10/18/2026
9	10/19/2026	C13: Financing Leverage		C13 Quiz C13 Homework	Sun, 10/25/2026
10	10/26/2026	C14: Financing	Case Study #2	C14 Quiz C14 Homework	Sun, 11/1/2026
11	11/2/2026	C15: Dividend Decisions		C15 Quiz C15 Homework	Sun, 11/8/2026
12	11/9/2026	C16: Financial Analysis	Discussion Board #3: Let's Talk Ratios Group Project #2 Begins	C16 Quiz C16 Homework	Main Post Wed, 11/11/2026 Remainder: Sun, 11/15/2026
13	11/16/2026	C17: Working Capital Management	Group Project #2 Continues	C17 Quiz C17 Homework	Sun, 11/22/2026
14	11/23/2026	C18: Corporate Financial Planning	Group Project #2 Due	C18 Quiz C18 Homework	Sun, 11/29/2026
15	11/30/2026	C19: International Finance	Discussion Board #4: Money Powers the World	C19 Quiz C19 Homework	Main Post Wed, 12/2/2026 Remainder: Sun, 12/6/2026
16	12/7/2026	Final Exam -2nd Half of Chapters to Date		Complete Final Exam	Fri, 12/11/2026

Note: The Instructor reserves the right to amend, adjust, or otherwise modify this outline at any time.

- Discussion Board Main Posts Due Wednesday and Responses are Due on Sunday.