

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics

AP/ECON 4410 3.0 O
Corporate Finance
Winter 2021 Course Outline

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Virtual Course Consultation Hours: Saturdays 10:00-12:00 (Zoom connection information will be available through Moodle)

Course Web Site: Moodle

Calendar Course Description / Prerequisite / Co-Requisite:

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Examines topics such as dividend policy, capital structure, the valuation of corporate debt, other corporate liabilities (including leases) and options, merges, international finance, and financial planning.

Prerequisites: AP/ECON 2300 3.00, AP/ECON 2350 3.00 and AP/ECON 4400 3.00, or equivalents.

Course credit exclusions: AP/ADMS 4540 3.00, GL/ECON 4315 3.00, SB/FINE 3100 3.00.

Note: Acceptable course substitutes are available in the Calendar. PRIOR TO FALL 2009: Course credit exclusions: AK/ADMS 4540 3.00, AS/ECON 4410 3.00, GL/ECON 4315 3.00, SB/FINE 3100 3.00.

Lecture Time and Location

Lecture:

- Online delivery format.
- Course Materials will be delivered on Moodle every **Wednesday 11:30 -14:30.**
- This is an online course. The entire course, including the submission of assignments, participation/discussion and test-taking, will take place on the course's Moodle.

Teaching Assistants: N/A

Organization of the Course

This course is an online lecture delivery format. Lectures will be delivered through lecture notes and audio files and/or virtual lectures with Zoom. Office hours will be held in a virtual space with Zoom. All students must have a Zoom account.

Technical requirements for taking the course:

A computer with microphone and webcam, and a high speed and reliable internet connection, and/or a smart device with these features. These technical features are required for students in order to fully participate in the course. There are some live information sessions including Q & A that will be conducted through Zoom video conferencing, where students are expected to participate. Also, you may be required to appear on video for exams/tests proctoring purposes. If you are not comfortable with these requirements, you should not enroll in this section of the course.

Students shall note the following:

- Zoom is hosted on servers in the U.S. This includes recordings done through Zoom.
- If you have privacy concerns about your data, provide only your first name or a nickname when you join a session.
- The system is configured in a way that all participants are automatically notified when a session is being recorded. In other words, a session cannot be recorded without you knowing about it.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources and help:

[Student Guide to Moodle](#)

[Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](#)

[Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](#)

[Computing for Students Website](#)

[Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](#), that can be run.

Extended Course Description:

This course provides the student an introduction to the theories, applications, and financial tools within a corporate financial environment. It emphasizes understanding, analyzing, and integrating financial information as an aid to managerial decision-making. Topics include: value and capital budgeting, risk and return, capital structure and dividend policy, options, futures and corporate finance, etc.

Learning Objectives:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Calculate and interpret time value of money
- Estimate bond prices and identify factors that affect bond prices

- Classify and distinguish various types of risk and their relation to portfolio choice
- Describe and calculate a firm's capital structure and interpret how leverage and firm value are related using Miller-Modigliani propositions
- Calculate efficient portfolio using stock data
- Understand and evaluate capital budgeting decision rules and explain how real options affect these decisions
- Estimate the value of a common stock and evaluate if the stock is under or over priced
- Explain options, futures and corporate finance

Course Text / Readings (Required)

Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe, and Roberts, *Corporate Finance, Eighth Canadian Edition*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2019.

Evaluation *

The grade for this course is composed of the mark received for each of the following components:

Type of Assessment	Group/Individual	Percent/Weight	Date
Midterm Exam (120 minutes)	Individual	40	Feb 24
Final Exam (180 minutes)	Individual	60	Apr 14 - 28
TOTAL		100%	

The following conversions will be used in converting percentage grades to letter grades:

90-100 (A+), 80-89 (A), 75-79 (B+), 70-74 (B), 65-69 (C+), 60-64 (C), 55-59 (D+), 50-54 (D), 40-49 (E), 0-39 (F).

Problem sets will be posted in the course web site throughout the semester. Some of them may be solved in class. These problems will not be graded, however, I encourage you to work through them. It will help you understanding the course material and consequently, increase the probability that you will do well in the course. Practice may not always make perfect, but it's a good start.

Deferred Exam Policy:

There are no makeups for missed midterm exams. Anyone missing the midterm exam will automatically have their final exam reweighted to be worth 100%.

NO multiple deferrals allowed: Students can defer only one of the two exams. If students defer more than one exams, the successive deferred exams will be marked zero.

Deferring the Final Exam: The deferred final exam policy will be applied only for those who completed all of the course requirements but the final exam. Students who do not complete one of the course requirements during the semester **MUST** attend the regular final exam session to complete the

course. If a student were to miss a course requirement during the semester and has to defer the final exam as well then the student may submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

Tentative Sequence of Topics Covered and the Lecture Schedule

Session	Topics, Reading and Activity
01 Jan 13	Ch 12: Arbitrage Pricing Theory
02 Jan 20	Ch 13: Risk, Return, and Capital Budgeting
03 Jan 27	Ch 15: Long-Term Financing: An Introduction
04 Feb 3	Ch 16: Irrelevance of Capital Structure: The Modigliani-Miller Theorem
05 Feb 10	Ch 17: Taxes, Agency Problems and Asymmetric Information
Fall Reading Week	
06 Feb 24	Midterm Exam: (Weeks 1-4 Covered) (Mar 12: Last day of Drop)
07 Mar 3	Ch 19: Dividend and Payout Policy
08 Mar 10	Ch 23: Options: Basic Concepts, Definitions
09 Mar 17	Ch 24: Option Pricing: The Binomial Model and Black-Scholes Formula
10 Mar 24	Ch 25 and 26: Warrants and Convertibles, Derivatives, and Hedging
11 Mar 31	Ch 20 and 21: Debt and Equity Issuing in Practice, IPOs
12 Apr 7	Ch 30 and 32: Mergers, Takeovers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts International Corporate Finance, Foreign Exchange Markets
Final Exam	Apr 14 - 28

New Information and Changes:

The schedule is subject to change –sometimes there are unexpected absences or we bog down on an issue. Check your class notes, or contact me for up-dated work schedules.

It may be very possible to make some adjustments of lectures and/or exams schedules. Students may also have handouts for the topics discussed in the class. It is students’ responsibility to be aware of any policy (or schedule change), or to collect handouts from classes. If you miss classes, contact the instructor before or immediate after, and check if there is any policy change or handout distributed.

There is no excuse for not knowing course policies or schedule changes, or for not having handouts. Important Course Information for Students:

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage;
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html/>

- York’s Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures/Academic Integrity Website

Academic Honesty and Integrity: Conduct that violates the ethical or legal standards of the

University community or of one's program or specialization is subject to severe penalties. Students are responsible for understanding the nature and consequences of these offences, as contained in the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty, found on the York University Senate WEB page: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69>

- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=94>
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=68>
- Student Conduct Standards
<http://www.yorku.ca/oscr/standards.html>
- Religious Observance Accommodation
<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/regobs>