CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	MBA 611, Corporate Finance
TERM:	January 10 – March 18, 2011
TIMES:	Friday, 5:45 - 9:45
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers material essential to a comprehensive understanding of financial management. Topics will include, but not be limited to, time value of money, the cost of capital, risk and return, stock valuation and financial analysis.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of this course are to deepen the student's understanding of financial theory, practices and procedures and to equip the student with the financial skills needed to make management decisions on the corporate level. A listing of specific goals follows:

- Learn about the fundamentals concepts used by financial management in the corporation and about the legal structure of the business organization. (Chapter 1)
- Identify the primary goals and objectives of financial management. (Chapter 2)
- Examine financial statements and ratio analysis. (Chapter 3)
- Learn about how ratio analysis and a firm's financial statements are used to assess the firm's degree of financial success. (Chapter 4)
- Apply the concepts of the time value of money. (Chapter 5)
- Study the relationship between risk and rates of return (Chapter 6)
- Master the fundamentals of bond and stock valuation. (Chapter 7)
- Learn cash flow estimation for capital budgeting (Chapter 8)
- Master the major capital budgeting techniques (Chapter 9)
- Identify the forecasting techniques used to determine financial needs. (Ch. 10)
- Learn how to calculate the cost of capital for a firm. (Chapter 11)
- Learn about the use of leverage in capital structure (Chapter 12)
- Identify the key determinants of corporate dividend policy (Chapter 13).
- Understand the methods used to manage a firm's current assets. (Chapter 14)
- Distinguish the individual working capital elements. (Chapter 15)
- Identify marketable securities for short-term investment planning. (Chapter 16)
- Describe the concepts used to manage inventories and accounts receivable. (Ch. 17)
- Identify the different sources and uses of derivative securities (Chapter 18)
- Identify the mechanics of mergers, LBOs, divestitures and business failures. (Ch. 19)
- Learn about the dynamics of international financial management (Chapter 20)

TEXTBOOK

Principles of Managerial Finance, Lawrence Gitman, Addison Wesley Longman. Twelfth Edition, 2009. Our publisher has a Web site for our textbook. Here is the link.

http://wps.aw.com/aw_gitman_pmf_12

TEAMS

On the first night of class, students will form teams of three or four students. These teams will work together on their team's group case presentations.

GRADING

Midterm Examination	25%
Final Examination	25
Weekly Quizzes (6 quizzes)	36
Group Presentations	12
Internet Presentation	2
Total	100%

MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS (25% EACH)

The midterm and final examinations will focus on the material covered in the textbook, especially the problems and concepts covered during class.

WEEKLY QUIZZES (36%)

There will be six weekly quizzes, each worth 6 percentage points.

GROUP FINANCIAL ISSUE AND CASE PRESENTATIONS (6% each)

Each team will make two presentations. One presentation will be about a financial issue chosen by the group and the other presentation will be a case write-up.

For the Financial Issue Presentation, your group should choose one issue in contemporary finance and research it in depth. Your research paper should be seven to ten pages in length. Your team will also do an oral presentation about 15 minutes in length regarding your topic. The oral presentation should be professionally prepared and delivered. You will be expected to prepare visual aids and handouts.

For the case presentations, each team will be responsible for one assigned end-of-chapter case. Teams will write up and submit the answers to the questions at the end of their assigned case and will make an oral presentation in class on their case. Presentations will be spread over the semester. The presentations should take no longer than 10 minutes each.

INTERNET PRESENTATION (2%)

There are Internet exercise for each chapter at our book's Website (http://wps.aw.com/aw_gitman_pmf_12). Each student will be assigned one of these exercises and will make an oral report to the class, answering the questions in the exercises. In addition to answering the questions, the speaker should also evaluate the site, telling the class what is on the pages, how useful they are and any other relevant data. Your briefing, which should be about five minutes in length, will count for 2 percentage points. No write-up is required.

WINTER 2011 SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS
MBA 611, FINANCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011, Session #1

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 1 and 2 Chapter 1 "The Role and Environment of Managerial Finance " Chapter 2 "Financial Statements and Analysis" NOTE: We are skipping Chapter 3.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011, Session #2

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 4 and 5 Chapter 4 "Time Value of Money" Chapter 5 "Risk and Return"
Quiz 1 will be a take-home

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011, Session #3

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 6 and 7 Chapter 6 "Interest Rates and Bond Valuation" Chapter 7 "Stock Valuation"
Quiz 2 on Chapters 4 and 5, in class.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, Session #4

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 8 and 9 Chapter 8 "Capital Budgeting Cash Flows" Chapter 9 "Capital Budgeting Techniques "
Quiz 3 on Chapters 6 and 7, in class.

Distribution of Take-home Midterm: Chapters 1 through 9, excluding Ch. 3. Answers will be due via e-mail. Due date will be announced.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011, Session #5

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 10 and 11 Chapter 10 "Risk and Refinements in Capital Budgeting " Chapter 11 "The Cost of Capital"

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011 Session #6

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 12 and 13 Chapter 12 "Leverage and Capital Structure " Chapter 13 "Dividend Policy"
Quiz 4 on Chapters 10 and 11.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011, Session #7

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 14 and 15 Chapter 14 "Working Capital and Current Asset Management " Chapter 15 "Current Liabilities Management" We may work ahead and begin Chapter 16.
Quiz 5 on Chapters 12 and 13

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011, Session #8

Reading Assignment due this week: Textbook, Chapters 16, 17 and 18 Chapter 16 "Hybrid and Derivative Securities " Chapter 17 "Mergers, LBOs, Divestitures, and Business Failures"
Quiz 6 on Chapters 14 and 15

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011, Session #9

Reading Assignment: Textbook, Ch 18 "International Managerial Finance" PRESENTATIONS

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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011 Session #10

FINAL EXAMINATION, COVERS CHAPTERS 10-18, In class portion

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