

# Three Rivers Community College

**Course Title:** BFN.K201 – Principles of Finance  
**Date and Time:** Spring session -- January 23, 2008 – May 15, 2008  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
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## **Required Text:**

Keown- Foundations of Finance Logic, 6th 2008  
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## **Course Objectives:**

1. This course offers an introduction to the basic principles of finance.
2. Areas covered are financial analysis and forecasting, ethics, financial markets, operating and financial leverage, short and long term financing alternatives, capital budgeting, time value of money, mergers and acquisitions, and international financial management.

## **Course Guidelines:**

1. Student participation and on time attendance are essential to the learning process and contribute to the final grade (see below).
2. Students are expected to adhere to the Academic Honesty Policy.
3. All assignments are expected to be typed or word-processed.
4. Students requiring special accommodations should make arrangement to discuss his/her needs with the instructor as soon as possible.

## **Assessment:**

1. **Class attendance and participation:** Prompt attendance at all scheduled classes is required, unless prior approval is obtained from the instructor. More than twenty percent missed classes will result in a recommendation that the student drop the course. Students will be expected to participate actively and appropriately in class discussion. Students are expected to attend all classes. More than one absence will result in grade reduction. **(15 Pts)**
2. **Assignments:** Students will complete chapter and class assignments by due dates. Assignments will include: Did you get it? (DI), Review Questions (RQ), Study Problems (SP), Web Works (WW) and Mini Cases (MC). **(15 Pts)**
3. **Student Analysis Project:** Students will present an in-class project between 2 to 4 minutes duration per person for a total of 20 minutes. The purpose of the project is to present a substantive learning experience to the student and to other members of the class. It may consist of a formal presentation/lecture, a case presentation, incorporation of video, use of a guest speakers, and relevant experiential exercises. *An outline should accompany presentation.* The project will be evaluated on the bases of its content (relevance, new material), creativity, organization, and delivery (handouts, media, audience contact). Expect questions from classmates. **(20 Pts.)**
4. **Factual quizzes:** Because there is a body of factual information which should be mastered, announced quizzes with be given throughout the term. **(10 Pts.)**

5. **Midterm:** Details will be provided. (20 pts.)

6. **Final Exam:** Details will be provided. (20 pts.)

**Content, schedule, and assignments.** (Some flexibility in schedule and assignments may occur. Details for guest speakers, quizzes and assignments will occur at appropriate times.)

Date	Topic	Assignment
Thursday January 24	Introductions & syllabus - <b>Questions</b> Project overview and team selection	Did you get it? (DI) Chapter 1 Review Questions (RQ). Study Problems (SP). Web Works (WW) Mini Case (MC)
Tuesday Jan. 29	Overview chapter 1 Ethics, business organizations and taxation	
Thursday Jan. 31	Ten principals that form foundations of Financial Mgmt	Read chapter. 2 (DI) Chapter 2, odd questions Chapter 1 MC
Tuesday Feb. 5	US Financial System Interest rates and rates of return Bonds, stocks and treasury	
Thursday Feb. 7	Chapter II overview and questions	Read chapter. 3 (DI) Chapter 3, even questions Chapter 2 MC
Tuesday Feb. 12	<b><u>NO CLASS – LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY</u></b>	
Thursday Feb. 14	Financial Systems and cash flows Chapter III overview and questions	Read chapter. 4 (DI) Chapter 4, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 3, MC
Tuesday Feb. 19	Financial analysis and performance **	
Thursday Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Team project outline due Chapter 4 overview and questions <b><u>Quiz 1</u></b>	Read chapter. 5 (DI) Chapter 5, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 4 MC
Tuesday Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Time Value of Money - Present vs. Future	
Thursday Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 5 overview and questions	Read chapter. 6 (DI) Chapter 6, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 5 MC
Tuesday Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Risk and Return	
Thursday Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 6 overview and questions	Read chapter. 7 (DI) Chapter 7, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 6 MC

Tuesday Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Characteristics of Bonds Bond yields and valuation Chapter 7 overview and questions	
Thursday Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MIDTERM (Chapter 1 - 8)</b>	Read chapter. 8 (DI) Chapter 8, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 7 MC
Tues & Thur Mar. 18 & 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>NO CLASS – SPRING RECESS</u></b>	
Tuesday Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Valuation of Stock – Rate of Return <u>Presentation #1</u>	
Thursday Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Investment in Long Term Assets – Cash Flow Chapter 8 overview and questions	Read chapter. 9 (DI) Chapter 9, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 8 MC
Tuesday Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Presentation #2</u> Chapter 9	
Thursday Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Chapter 9 overview and questions <b><u>Quiz 2</u></b>	Read chapter. 10 & 11 (DI) Chapter 10, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 9 MC
Tuesday Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup> .	<u>Presentation #3</u> Chapter 10	
Thursday Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 10 and 11 overview and questions	Read chapter. 12 (DI) Chapter 12, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 10 and 11 MC
Tuesday Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Presentation #4</u> Chapter 12	
Thursday Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Capital Structure and Dividend policy Chapter 12 overview and questions	Read chapter. 13 (DI) Chapter 13, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 12 MC
Tuesday Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Presentation #5</u> Chapter 13	
Thursday Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Short term planning Chapter 14 and 15 overview and questions	Read chapter. 14 - 15 (DI) Chapter 14, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 13 MC
Tuesday Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Presentation #6</u> Chapter 14	
Thursday May. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 14 overview and questions	Read chapter. 15 - 17 (DI) Chapter 15, 1 <sup>st</sup> Questions Chapter 14 and 15 MC
Tuesday May. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Presentation #7</u> Chapter 15 and 16 International Business , political Risk and spot rates	
Thursday May. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>EXAM OVERVIEW</i>	
Tuesday May. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FINAL EXAM (Chapter 9-17) 25 PTS</b>	