INVESTMENTS

Course Description: To cover basic Financial Markets, security valuation, market efficiency, diversification, investment goals, and portfolio selections.

Prerequisites: Junior standing and ACCT 3311 or equivalent.

A good Finance Calculator, (Texas Instruments BA 2+ or TI 83 or 84 if it has FINANCE)

Learning Objectives:
By the end of this course, the students will be able to:
1. Learn the basic financial concepts involved in investment management.
2. Understand the processes involved in investment management.
3. Learn how to calculate investment return with both arithmetic and geometric means.
4. Calculate the present value of future cash flows.
5. Learn how to calculate the risk of an investment.
6. Learn how to calculate the selling price of stocks and bonds.

Relationship to Other Coursework: Knowledge of the subject matter in this course is a requisite to comprehending advanced financial management concepts contained in FINA 4310, Advanced Financial Management. The principles of investments form a foundation for concepts in related finance courses including risk management, real estate, and financial markets and institutions.

Instructional Methodology:
Class sessions will consist of lectures, in-class exercises and discussion. Unannounced quizzes may be given.

Performance Evaluation and Grading:
Student performance evaluation may be based on attendance, exams, quizzes, and homework assignments. A sample of the relative weights of each of these components is as follows:

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A letter grade will be determined based on the percentage earned as follows: A: 90-100%; B: 80-89%; C: 70-79%; D: 60-69%; F: 0-59%. In some instances, a curve may be applied in determining the letter grade.
Course Policies

*Attendance/tardiness – no policy, don’t interrupt the class if late.*

*Late work and Make-up Exams* – no makeups without my permission

*Extra Credit* - none

*Cell Phone/Electronic Device Usage- forbidden*

**Academic Integrity/Plagiarism.**
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in FAILURE & Censure.

**Dropping a Class**
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. **There is no day to drop.**

**Classroom/professional behavior**
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

**Grade Appeals***
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.
Disabilities Accommodations*
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.
*Required by SACS

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE*
FINA 3331 Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

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