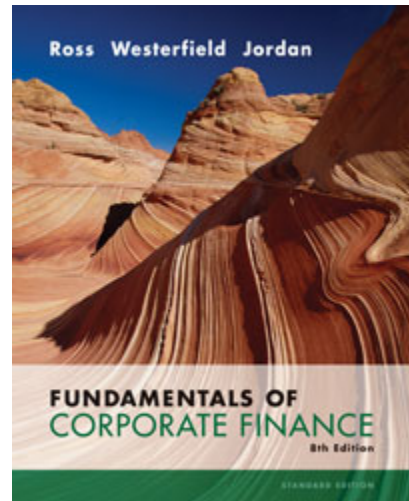


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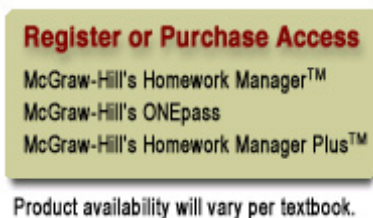
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All students in this section must have access to a computer connected to the internet in order to complete required homework and to take exams.

Textbook: *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, 8th Edition, Standard Edition, by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan. Published by McGraw-Hill Irwin. **ISBN:** 007353062x

Textbook Website: www.mhhe.com/rwj then click on the textbook image at this webpage. Alternatively the textbook website can be accessed directly at: http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/007353062x/information_center_view0/.



You must order the "Homework Manager" access pass. At the website, look for and click on the image below. You



will need a credit card to order the "Homework Manager" The cost is \$15 plus tax, a total of \$16.05.

Since I do not require that you purchase a financial calculator for my class, purchase of "Homework Manager" is required.

ASU General Catalog Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to basic concepts of Finance. Topics such as the ratios analysis, risk and return, time-value of money, stocks and bonds valuation, cost of capital, cash flow estimation, capital budgeting, capital structure, dividend policy, financial forecasting, and hybrid financing are covered in this course.

Prerequisites:

AC 214, EN 112, EC 201, EC 202, MA 121, MA 223, SA 223, (with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.), and Junior standing.

School of Business policy is to check the transcript of each student enrolled in upper division (300 or 400 level) business classes to ensure that prerequisites are met. Students not meeting prerequisite

requirements are to be administratively dropped from the class by the instructor.

Class Meetings:

This class meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at 1514 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, MS. Class meetings are synchronously distributed over the internet using ASU's Elluminate service. You are required to attend class either in person or via the internet. If you attend class via the internet you must have both a microphone and speakers. I strongly recommend that you use a headset. Internet attendees are strongly encouraged to use a fairly up-to-date computer with a high-speed connection (LAN or Cable or DSL).

Homework:

All assigned homework must be completed and turned in using the "Homework Manager" website to which you must purchase access (see previous section). You must have access to a computer with an internet connection in order to complete your homework assignments.

Exams:

You will be required to complete several proctored exams during the semester. These exams must be completed either at the 1514 Cherry Street computer lab, the School of Business computer lab at Alice Tanner Hall or at the computer lab on the Natchez Campus. I will consider others sites, but you must provide a pre-approved proctor if you wish to take the exam at some other site.

Grade Determination:

Your grade for this course is based on the grades you received for homework and for exams. Each is weighted 50%. In other words, half your grade is based on your homework and half your grade is based on your exams. My exams are based on homework, so you could even say that 100% of your grade is determined by your ability to complete the homework correctly, and for exam purposes, quickly.

Assignments:

Assignments are detailed in a separate document.

Attendance:

The University's attendance policy is followed. Refer to the general catalog for details. The most important part of that policy is that instructors are **required** to give the grade of "F" to any student missing more than 1/4th of the scheduled class meetings no matter how justified the reason for the absences. Only the Vice President for Academic Affairs can set that policy aside. To read the policy go to

<http://www.alcorn.edu/Academic/2007-08%20ASU%20Catalog%20PDF.pdf>, and see pages 100 and 101.

Learning Objectives:

The learning objectives for each chapter of the textbook that is covered in this course are detailed on the PowerPoint slides for each chapter. Those slides are available at the textbook website and at this course's Blackboard and DocuShare sites.