



Department of Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Law (FIREL)

## Personal Finance – FINA 2770.001

Spring 2017 Tue/Thu: 2:00pm-3:20 pm BLB 035

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| Course Description:   | Personal Finance. 3 hours. Financial planning, insurance, budgeting, credit, home ownership, savings, investment and tax problems.  |   |  |  |
| Prerequisite(s):  | None  |   |  |  |
| Техтвоок:   | Author: Kapo<br>Publisher: McG<br>Edition: 12 <sup>th</sup><br>ISBN-10: 1259  | onal Finance w/Connect Access Card por, Dlabay, Hughes Graw-Hill Edition (2017) 9967786 -1259967788   |  |  |
| TECHNOLOGY:   | Calculator. You will need at least a 4-function calculator. For exams, you may not use a calculator with programming, text, graphing, or printing capabilities, nor electronic devices that have multifunction capabilities (cellphones, tablets, watches, etc.).  Blackboard (learn.unt.edu) is the supplemental tool used for discussions, communication, documents distribution, announcements, and assignment submittal. Verify that you have access. |   |  |  |
|   | Finance <b>Tutor Lab</b> is in BLB 006 and starts the second week of class.   |   |  |  |
|   | The BLB Computer Lab is available to all students during the semester. For locations, availability, and software licensing, check their website <a href="https://www.cob.unt.edu/lab/hours.php">https://www.cob.unt.edu/lab/hours.php</a> ). The Software necessary to complete your assignments (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) is available at the BLB Computer Lab and for individual use through the COB/Microsoft Licensing Agreement                |   |  |  |
| GRADING*:   | Outside-of-Class 20% Assignments, ir<br>Exams: 60% Three (3) exam   | BOARD FOR CHANGES. ssions, In-Class Assignments, Attendance ncluding Connect assignments is, including the Final Exam. 79-70%; D=69-60%; F=<60% |  |  |

| ATTENDANCE:   | Attendance is included in the see grading schema. Make-up exams must be preapproved.   |
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| ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR:  | Acceptable Student Behavior. Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.   |
| ELECTRONIC DEVICES:   | Electronic devices (includes phones and laptops) are permitted for note taking and accessing information pertinent to the topic. They should be muted and on your desktops AND NOT TAKING UP ALL YOUR ATTENTION!   |
| ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STANDARDS AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION (CHEATING, PLAGIARISM, ETC.) | According to UNT Policy 18.1.16, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. [All incidences will be reported to FIREL office – Dr. Cadena]   |
| (ADA) DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION  | UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information, see the ODA website at disability.unt.edu. |
| EMERGENCY<br>NOTIFICATION AND<br>PROCEDURES   | UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.  |
| ACCESS TO   | Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is my.unt.edu.  |
| INFORMATION Sign in to EagleConnect   | All official communication from the University will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail: eagleconnect.unt.edu/  |
| STUDENT PERCEPTIONS<br>OF TEACHING (SPOT)   | Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13 and 14 of the long semesters to provide  |



students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the spot website at www.spot.unt.edu or email <a href="mailto:spot@unt.edu">spot@unt.edu</a>.

## Academic Calendar for Spring 2017

check official link for updates: (http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1737#fall 2017)

August 28, 2017

August 25–September 1, 2017 September 1, 2017

September 4, 2017

September 12 – November 6, 2017

October 6, 2017

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October 7 – November 22, 2017

November 13, 2017

November 22, 2017

November 23-26, 2017 December 6-7, 2017

December 7, 2017

December 8, 2017

December 9-15, 2017

December 15, 2017 December 15-16, 2017

December 25, 2017 – January 1, 2018

First class day (Monday)

Student-requested schedule changes may be made during add/drop. Last day for change of schedule other than a drop. (Last day to add a class.)

Labor Day (university closed)

Student may drop a course with written consent of instructor.

Last day for change in pass/no pass status.

Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the university with a grade of W for courses a student is not passing. After this date a grade of WF may be recorded.

Instructors may drop students with a grade of WF for nonattendance.

Beginning this date a student who qualifies may request a grade of I, incomplete.

(See "Grading system" in the Academics section of this catalog.)

Last day to withdraw from the semester. Process must be completed by 5 p.m. in the Dean of Students Office.

Thanksgiving break (university closed)

Pre-finals days Last class day

Reading day (no classes)

Final examinations

End of term

Graduation ceremonies

Winter break (university closed)

You may also want to check the Office of the Registrar's Registration Guide

For registration and drop dates: <a href="http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide">http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide</a>

## **Proposed Schedule**

(check Blackboard course content for most current schedule)

| Proposed Schedule                   |   |                   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Date                                | Assignment(s): Textbook Readings and Projects                           | WS Due            |  |  |  |
| Section 1: Introduction             |   |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Aug 29                         | Chapter 1: Personal Finance Basics; WS3                                 |                   |  |  |  |
| Thu, Aug 31                         | Appendix: Time Value of Money   | CF0; Math Quiz    |  |  |  |
| Tue, Sep 05                         | Chapter 2:Financial Aspects of Career Planning; WS6                     | TVM, CF1          |  |  |  |
| Thu, Sep 07                         | Chapter 3:Money Management Strategy                                     | Resume, CF2       |  |  |  |
| Tue, Sep 12                         | Chapter 3:Money Management Strategy, Cont.                              | Wks15, CF3        |  |  |  |
| Thu, Sep 14                         | Chapter 4:Planning Your Tax Strategy                                    | Wks22, CF4        |  |  |  |
| Tue, Sep 19                         | Chapter 5:Financial Services  | Wks25, CF5        |  |  |  |
| Thu, Sep 21                         | Study Day   |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Sep 26                         | Exam #1, Chapters 1-5   |                   |  |  |  |
| Section 2: Legal, Credit, Purchases |   |                   |  |  |  |
| Thu, Sep 28                         | Chapter 6:Introduction to Consumer Credit                               |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Oct 03                         | Discuss Credit Reports; Cash Flow lessons;                              | Wks29; Credit Rpt |  |  |  |
| Thu, Oct 05                         | Chapter 7:Choosing a Source of Credit: The Costs of Credit Alternatives | Wks30             |  |  |  |
| Tue, Oct 10                         | Chapter 8:Consumer Purchasing Strategies and Legal Protection           | Wks38             |  |  |  |
| Thu, Oct 12                         | Chapter 9:The Housing Decision: Factors and Finances                    | Wks40             |  |  |  |
| Tue, Oct 17                         | Chapter 9:The Housing Decision: Factors and Finances                    |                   |  |  |  |
| Thu, Oct 19                         | Exam #2, Chapters 6-9   |                   |  |  |  |
| Section 3: Risk Management          |   |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Oct 24                         | Chapter 10:Property and Motor Vehicle Insurance                         | Wks48             |  |  |  |
| Thu, Oct 26                         | Chapter 11:Health, Disability, and Long-Term Care Insurance             | HlthIns           |  |  |  |
| Tue, Oct 31                         | Chapter 12:Life Insurance   | LifeIns           |  |  |  |
| Thu, Nov 02                         | Appendix: Time Value of Money - Review                                  |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Nov 07                         | Exam #3, Chapters 10-12, TVM  |                   |  |  |  |
| Section 4: Investments              |   |                   |  |  |  |
| Thu, Nov 09                         | Housing Decision Assignment (Excel)                                     |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Nov 14                         | Chapter 13:Investing Fundamentals                                       | Wks55             |  |  |  |
| Thu, Nov 16                         | Chapter 14:Investing in Stocks  | Wks59             |  |  |  |
| Tue, Nov 21                         | Chapter 15:Investing in Bonds   | Wks60             |  |  |  |
|                                     | Holiday: Thanksgiving Day   |                   |  |  |  |
| Tue, Nov 28                         | Chapter 16:Investing in Mutual Funds                                    | Mfunds            |  |  |  |
| Thu, Nov 30                         | Chapter 17:Investing in Real Estate and Other Alternatives              | Forecl            |  |  |  |
| Tue, Dec 05                         | Chapter 18:Starting Early: Retirement Planning                          | Wks63             |  |  |  |
| Thu, Dec 07                         | Chapter 19:Estate Planning  | Estate            |  |  |  |
|                                     | Final Exam: Thursday, Dec-14 1:30 PM; Same room !!!                     |                   |  |  |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Final Exams are subject to University schedule, posting, and official changes. Please confirm final exam time/date with posted schedule.

<sup>\*</sup> Exams to be announced at least one class period in advance. Dates above are negotiable and subject to change.