

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**FIN 499 – Senior Assessment- Finance**

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this class is to assess and measure knowledge of basic ideas and concepts necessary of Finance graduates. The course will also introduce the students to educational and career opportunities and professional certification programs available in Finance

PREREQUISITES

Graduating in Spring, 2004

COURSE PREPARATION AND REQUIREMENTS

*Knowledge of Theoretical Concepts and Analytical Calculations in Finance*

For the purpose of this class the finance graduates will be tested and evaluated on their knowledge of theoretical concepts and analytical constructs in finance. All students will be required to take a *comprehensive* multiple choice test. In order to help you review these basic concepts, a copy of Block and Hirt, Foundations of Financial Management alongwith its solutions manual will be kept on reserve in the Helm-Cravens library. Selected material from Fin 332, Fin 437, Fin 438 will also be included on the exam. Financial Planning majors will be required to take an additional 30 question, multiple choice test that will include material from FIN 350, FIN 444 and FIN 445. Feel free to contact the finance faculty with any questions you may have.

*Testing & Evaluation*

The exam dates and times are posted on my website under "Important Dates" at (<http://www.wku.edu/~indudeep.chhachhi/hmteach.htm>). The exams will be multiple choice. Please bring a Scantron and your financial calculator. You will be provided a sheet with all the required formulae and equations.

### *Class Presentations*

Each student is required to make a presentation on an article related to financial topics learned in earlier coursework. The presentations made as part of FIN 437 class assignments in fall, 2003 will count towards this requirement. However, if you were not enrolled in FIN 437 in fall, 2003 must see me immediately to schedule an alternative presentation.

### *Additional Assignments*

Students receiving less than 70% on the comprehensive test will be required to prepare a written case. Students will be handed out a 2-3 page basic case addressing a financial problem and they will be required to submit a written 3 page case analysis to be turned in by Monday, April 12.

Financial Planning majors receiving less than 70% on the Planning test will be required to attend the class on April 26. In that class, all the questions missed on the planning exam will be handed back to the students. However, in this case the multiple-choice answers will be removed. Students will be required to work the problems and answer the theoretical questions and show all their work. For the purpose of this Re-Test, students will be allowed to bring in their notes and books.

**The passing grade on the re-test (including the answers that were right on the first exam) is 80%.**

### *Grading*

Your grade will be determined according to the following weighting scheme:

Comprehensive Exam	-	75%
Financial Planning Exam	-	25%

For Financial Management Majors, the comprehensive exam will count towards 100% of the grade.

Students not receiving a 70% on the comprehensive exam will receive a grade of 'D' upon satisfactory completion of the make up case. For the Financial Planning Majors that are required to take the planning test a second time, the first score will count towards final grade determination.

Grading will be based on the following scale:

>90%	-	A
80 - 90%	-	B
70 - 80%	-	C
60 - 70%	-	D
< 60%	-	F

## *Educational and Career Opportunities in Finance*

All students will be **required** to attend FMA meetings where speakers are invited to shed light on Finance (including career) related issues. The FMA meetings will be held at the time scheduled for FIN 499. Dr. Bill Trainor will e-mail the schedule of these meetings. More than one unexcused absence from these meetings will result in an automatic F.

At our class meeting on February 23, you will fill out a detailed survey to give feedback on the finance program, as well as other business classes that you took in the program. This feedback is utilized by the finance program to make constructive changes to our offerings and delivery mechanisms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other finance faculty:

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