

Identification	Subject	FIN 310 Fundamentals of Financial Management – 3KU credits (6ECTS)	
	Department	Economics and Management	
	Program (Undergraduate, Graduate)	Undergraduate	
	Term	Fall, 2026	
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	Classroom/hours	Khazar University	
Prerequisites	ACC 310 Financial Accounting		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory		
Textbooks and course materials	Core textbooks: • Richard A. Brealey, Stewart C. Myers, Franklin Allen, “Principles of Corporate Finance”, 13th Edition McGraw-Hill Education, 2019. Supplementary reading: • Naqvi, M. (2026), Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Finance: A Framework for Structural Change, CFA Institute Research and Policy Center		
Course description	This course introduces the fundamental principles and practices of financial management and corporate finance. It examines the concepts, tools, and analytical techniques used to support financial decision-making in business organizations. Topics include financial statement analysis, the time value of money, the valuation of bonds and stocks, capital budgeting, risk and return, cost of capital, capital structure, dividend policy, working capital management, and market efficiency. The course integrates theoretical concepts with practical applications to develop students' analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills in investment and financing.		
Course objectives	The objective of this course is to provide students with a solid foundation in the principles of financial management and corporate finance. Students will develop the knowledge and analytical skills required to evaluate financial information, value financial assets, assess investment opportunities, and understand financing decisions. The course emphasizes the practical application of financial concepts and decision-making techniques in a business environment and prepares students for advanced study in Corporate Finance, Investment Management, and related finance disciplines.		
Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: • Analyze and interpret financial statements to evaluate an organization's financial performance and position. • Apply the principles of the time value of money to solve financial problems and evaluate investment opportunities. • Value financial assets, including bonds and common stocks, using appropriate valuation techniques. • Apply capital budgeting methods to evaluate investment projects and support financial decision-making. • Assess risk, estimate the cost of capital, and explain their role in investment and financing decisions. • Explain the principles of capital structure, dividend policy, and working capital management. • Apply financial management concepts and analytical tools to support sound financial decision-making in a business environment.		
Teaching methods	Case analysis		X
	Group discussion		X
	Lecture		X

Evaluation Criteria	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	TBA	30
	Pop Quizzes	Unannounced	10
	Case Study	TBA	10
	Activity		5
	Attendance		5
	Final Exam	TBA	40
	Total		100
Class Policy	Attendance and Activity Active participation and consistent discipline during class sessions are essential. Students are expected to come to class fully prepared and engage actively in all learning activities and discussions. Attendance will be closely monitored, and students who exceed 25% absences will be ineligible to sit for the final examination. Up to two class absences and two late arrivals will be excused without affecting the attendance grade. Each additional unexcused absence beyond the two excused absences will result in a one-point deduction from the attendance score. Any late arrival beyond the two excused late arrivals will be counted as an absence for attendance purposes. Full activity marks will be awarded to students who consistently demonstrate preparedness, actively contribute to class discussions, and engage constructively in classroom activities. Pop Quizzes: Pop quizzes will be administered randomly and without prior notice throughout the semester. Students are expected to attend all classes and come prepared, as each quiz will assess their understanding of recently covered lecture material. All quizzes will consist of multiple-choice questions. The four highest quiz scores will be counted toward the final grade, with each quiz contributing 2.5%, for a total of 10%. No make-up quizzes will be offered under any circumstances. Case Studies Case studies are a core component of both learning and assessment. Assigned in groups, they are designed to enhance students' understanding of financial management concepts through the application of financial theories and analytical techniques to practical business scenarios. Each case will be assigned to a group and presented according to a randomly determined presentation schedule. Groups are required to submit a written report and deliver an oral presentation by the specified deadline. While sample solutions will not be provided, students are encouraged to discuss the case requirements and seek clarification from the instructor during office hours or class. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy This course treats AI as both a subject of study (see Week 14) and a tool whose use in student work is subject to clear limits. This policy applies to all graded components of the course, including case studies, quizzes, exams, and group projects. Permitted uses: Students may use AI tools to brainstorm ideas, clarify course concepts, or check grammar and spelling in non-graded drafts, and to explore AI applications in financial management as part of class discussion. Prohibited uses: Students may not use generative AI tools to produce, draft, or substantially edit any content submitted for a grade, including case study reports and presentations, quiz or exam responses, financial models, calculations, or written analysis.		

		All computations, interpretations, and recommendations submitted for evaluation must reflect the student's own work. Disclosure: Where AI assistance is used in a permitted capacity, students must disclose this use in a brief note accompanying the submission, identifying the tool used and the nature of the assistance. Consequences: Any submission found to contain undisclosed or prohibited AI-generated content will be treated as an academic integrity violation, consistent with the University's plagiarism policies. This may result in a grade of 0% for the assignment in question and may be subject to additional disciplinary action in accordance with the University's academic integrity policies	
Tentative Schedule			
Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1		Introduction to Financial Management	Chapter 1
2		Financial Analysis	Chapter 28
3		Time Value of Money	Chapter 2
4		Bond Valuation	Chapter 3
5		Equity Valuation	Chapter 4
6		Capital Budgeting I	Chapter 5
7		Capital Budgeting II	Chapter 6
		Midterm exam	
8		Portfolio theory & CAPM	Chapter 8
9		Risk and Cost of Capital	Chapter 9
10		Project Risk Analysis	Chapter 10
11		Capital Structure and Dividend Policy	Chapter 16-19
12		Working Capital Management	Chapter 30
13		Market Efficiencies and Introduction to Options	Chapter 13-15 and 20
14		AI in Financial Management and Corporate Finance	Supplementary Reading
15		Case study presentations and Revision to exam	
		Final exam	