

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Department of Agricultural Food and Resource Economics, DAFRE

Finance II

Course Number: 11:373:451

Spring

FS 109, 12:35 to 1:55, Tuesday-Friday

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Text book: **Fundamentals of Corporate Finance 7th Edition**, by Brealey, Myers, and Marcus.

You will need a business calculator which can perform basic FV, PV, NPV, IRR, and PMT calculations.

Course Goals:

1. To understand corporate finance, and especially understand debt and equity decisions facing corporations.
2. To understand the capital structure of a corporation and how payout decisions are made, especially dividends and stock repurchases.
3. To understand foreign currency markets and understand the basic forces on currencies, such as inflation, interest rates, and general economic activity, and how these forces effect changes in exchange rates.
4. To understand how risk is measured and in particular how options and futures are used to control business risk.

Chapters 14 to 25 will be covered in detail. It is anticipated that we will cover one chapter per week. You will also be responsible to select, research, and present a topic from a list of projects. You will be working on your own or with one other student. You may suggest a topic for your research.

Exams and Grades:

There will be two exams: a mid-term and a final exam. Your grade for the course will consist of 30% for a mid-term exam, 40% for the final, 20% for the Project, and 10% for class participation.

All students will be expected to attend classes, take exams as scheduled, complete a project and participate in class. Instructor will meet students before and after class, or by appointment.