



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN TIRANA
Course Syllabus

Course: International finance (4 credit hours)

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Class Hours: Wednesday 4pm – 8pm

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Catalog Description

Gain an understanding of the international financial system from both a theoretical and a practical point of view. Topics include central bank functions; foreign exchange markets and convertibility; the Eurocurrencies markets and the euro; short- and long-term financing, including trade and project finance; and documentation. Also the legal, political, and economic framework of international financial markets will be elaborated upon. Corporate finance and senior status are pre-requisites for this course.

Required Readings, Text

Madura, Jeff (2006). *International Corporate Finance*. Thomson South-Western.

Required Additional Materials

1. Subscription to the Financial Times is strongly recommended.
2. A few additional readings may occasionally be required from hand-outs. Students are expected to come to classes **having read** the relevant chapter(s) of that day's lecture.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to be sufficiently familiar with the financial problems multinational corporations (MNCs) are faced with, as well as the tools and approaches needed to tackle them. More specifically, students should be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of corporate finance in an international context, or corporate finance of an MNC;
2. Explore the dynamics of exchange rates;
3. Manage and contain risks arising from exchange rate fluctuations and transactions;

4. Develop an understanding of short-term and long-term asset and liability management;

Contents of the Course

1. Corporate Finance Abroad
2. Exchange Rate Behavior
3. Exchange Rate Risk Management
4. Short-Term Asset and Liability Management
5. Long-Term Asset and Liability Management

Course Requirements

The total course will be weighted as follows: Attendance/participation/class behaviour (10 per cent); Two take-home assignments (10 per cent each); Mid-term examination (20 per cent); and Final examination (50 per cent). Both the mid-term and final examinations will be cumulative, covering all the topics discussed until date (i.e., the final exam will cover the mid-term topics also).

Attendance is compulsory as per the University rules. You may miss up to three classes without penalty – your first two absences count whether you have a good excuse or not. Each absence beyond the first three will cost you points off of your participation grade. The only exceptions to this rule are severe illness (doctor's note required) and UNYT approved trips/activities. Appropriate documentation for absences beyond the first three is necessary the class day directly before or after the one you miss. In general: this class is intensive and interactive. Missing class could seriously affect your grade. Students are reminded not to approach the instructor for copies of the previous week's materials. Students are expected to collect materials from their classmates. Active participation is strongly encouraged. For more fruitful and to-the-point discussions students are expected to come to classes having read the relevant chapters.

Course Schedule

The lectures are generally on Wednesdays from 4pm-8pm. There may be exceptions to this rule, and you will be communicated such exceptions in advance:

Week 1	:	Introduction
Week 2	:	Chapters 1, 2, and 3
Week 3	:	Chapters 4 and 5
Week 4	:	Chapters 6, 7, and 8
Week 5	:	Chapters 9 and 10
Week 6	:	Chapters 11 and 12
Week 7	:	Review
Week 8	:	Mid-Term Examination
Week 9	:	Chapters 13, 14, and 15
Week 10	:	Chapters 16 and 17

Week 11 : Chapters 18 and 19
 Week 12 : Chapters 20 and 21
 Week 13 : Review
 Week 14 : Final Examination

General Requirements

Punctuality, appropriate dress code, and considerate behaviour in class are required of all students. In the event of illness or emergency, contact your instructor IN ADVANCE to determine whether special arrangements are possible. The University’s rules on academic dishonesty (e.g. cheating, plagiarism, submitting false information) will be strictly enforced. Please familiarize yourself with the STUDENT HONOUR CODE, or ask your instructor for clarification.

If you feel that you have special learning difficulties, please, make an appointment with Ms Anxhela Gramo. Ms Gramo is trained to help students with learning difficulties. She shall provide this service to our students, just as it is offered in all American universities.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percent (%)	Generally Accepted Meaning
A	96-100	Outstanding work
A-	90-95	
B+	87-89	Good work, distinctly above average
B	83-86	
B-	80-82	
C+	77-79	Acceptable work
C	73-76	
C-	70-72	
D+	67-69	Work that is significantly below average
D	63-66	
D-	60-62	
F	0-59	Work that does not meet minimum standards for passing the course

Technology Expectations

Assignments are to be word-processed and/or produced as excel spreadsheets.

Date Prepared and By Whom Prepared

12 September 2007, Seyhan Pencapligil