Course information

Corporation Finance (FIN325)

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Office hours

- Mondays, 3pm-5pm, in person in Grainger 3115

- Wednesdays, 3pm-5pm, in person in Grainger 3115

- Fridays, 8am-10am, online (link on Canvas)

Canvas

- On Canvas you will find:

    1. My notes and slides

    2. A discussion board to get your questions answered

    3. Our excel from class

    4. Python replications of class calculations and the associated videos

Grading

- HW (15%), quizzes (15%), midterm (30%), final (40%)

- Or, if better, HW (15%), midterm (35%), final (50%)

- HW assignments are due via canvas uploads (pdf only!) by midnight on the due date

- Midterm: Thursday, November 9th, 6:00-7:45pm, online
- Final: Saturday, December 16th, 12:25-2:25pm, online

Course plan

1. Preliminaries
2. Risk and return
3. The cost of capital
4. Capital budgeting
5. Capital structure management
6. Payout policies
7. The value of flexibility

Accounting

1. ACCT IS 301 is a pre-requisite for this course

2. You are expected to know how a corporation's 3 main financial statements are put together and how they relate to one another

3. Problem 4 in the first hw assignment will give you an opportunity to make sure you are up to speed

4. Consider taking our one credit, online modelling course (FIN205) this Fall

FactSet

- A significant part of the data we will use in this class comes from FactSet

- Please make sure your account is activated and ready to go

Excel

1. This class is hands on

2. Excel skills we will use include:
   a) Basics
   b) Math and statistical functions (SUM, AVERAGE, …)
   c) Logical functions (IF…)
   d) Goal seek and solver
   e) Data analysis toolpak (regressions, RAND…)
   f) …

Python (and/or Julia)

- Python is not required for this class but you can use this class as an opportunity to learn it

- To prepare for that, download the anaconda suite

- Jupyter is the environment I use

- My webpage also provides Julia version of key notebooks

Questions?