

Financial Management
FIN 504 01W
Fall 2026
(Meets 10/19/2026 through 12/11/2026)
Web-Based Class
Syllabus

Instructor: Srinivas Nippani, Ph.D.

Classroom: Online Class

Meeting Time: The course will be based on live (once a week) and/or recorded video lectures and D2L sessions (usually on PowerPoint and/or calculator). Once you listen to the live/recorded lectures I post every week, I encourage you to work on the homework problems given in the Content. Please note that we must cover about two to three chapters weekly, as this is a shorter session. I answer my email quickly, usually within a working day or two, except on weekends. I encourage you to ask me questions by email. **We will also meet live every Thursday evening at 4 pm in D2L so that I can go over some important chapter parts (mainly math) for the week. I fully understand if you cannot attend any lecture live and can only listen to the recording because of work or time conflicts with other commitments. There is no need to inform me if you cannot attend a session, if you listen to the recording within a day or two.** The D2L is your opportunity to have a live and interactive session with me and to check and extend what you are learning.

Office: BA 310 (Texas A&M Commerce)

Office Phone: 903.886.5191 (COB Secretary). I have no direct line. The best way to reach me is by email. All emails must contain "FIN 504 01W" in the subject line and be sent from your myLeo accounts.

Office Hours: Wednesdays 2-4 pm in BA 310 and Tuesdays 2-5 pm online at <https://etamu-edu.zoom.us/j/95569719353?pwd=QIRFQfiFxFxN2u4qdcuKT7dyzlhNRWTS.1> and online by appointment.

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Course Description: A study of business finance within the economic environment including financial reporting, analysis, markets, and regulations, with emphasis on global and ethical issues. Risk, valuation, planning, and analysis including working capital management and capital budgeting, and other decision rules helps maximize the value of the firm. Focus on total quality management and financial considerations in the production of goods and services.

Course goal: The goal of the course is to introduce and have you become proficient with both the theory and application of financial management concepts.

Textbook and other materials required:

1. Contemporary Financial Management, **14th edition**, by R. Charles Moyer, James R. McGuigan, and Ramesh R. Rao. Cengage Learning 2018, ISBN: 978-1-337-09058-2
2. A Good Financial Calculator. **I strongly recommend the Texas Instruments**

BA II Plus Professional calculator and my explanations will be based on this calculator in the class.

3. The Wall Street Journal (recommended)

Attendance, Course Requirements, Assignments, and Grading

Students taking the course are expected to listen to all recorded presentations and check their email at least once daily, ideally multiple times. The course will cover the textbook and material presented in class. I prefer that students not miss listening to any recorded lectures. Some material not part of the book will be used in the recordings. **All announcements will be made via email/posted on the class D2L page. I expect you to know all announcements within 24 hours of receiving the email/posted on the class D2L page. I encourage you to listen to my recorded lectures several times. Also, use either Chrome or Firefox to access the class, never Explorer.** The grading is based on the following scale:

(Mid-Term) Exam 1 posted online (Compulsory online)	100 points
(Mid-Term) Exam 2 posted online (Compulsory online)	100 points
Case-Based Take Home Quiz (Compulsory online)	10 points
Final Exam in the last week of class (Compulsory online)	100 points

Total (the best of two midterms, quiz, and final) 310 points

All exams and quizzes are to be taken online on the course website. You cannot miss any exams or the quiz. My exams will be based on the material covered in class. For each student, the total points will be added up and converted to a percentage at the end of the semester to decide the final grade. The following scale will be applied to decide the final grade for students: 90 and above: A grade, 80- 89.99%: B grade, 70-79.99%: C grade, 60%-69.99%: D grade and below 60%: F grade. I will try to adhere to the above grading scale, but I reserve the right to deviate from it. My exams are usually multiple-choice, and you can use a calculator on them. Since this is an online class, you can use a textbook, calculator, excel and other class notes on the exams. The exams are not proctored. However, the exams are designed for speed and accuracy. No student will be allowed to make up for an inadequate performance on an exam, and make-up exams will be given only for medical reasons. Makeup exams are likely to be essay-type and definitely will not be given online.

Tentative Course Schedule

Please see the Schedule below. **I reserve the right to deviate from this schedule.**

*Only a part of the material will be used in some of the chapters. We may do some chapters only in part. I reserve the right to change anything in the syllabus if I feel it is necessary. I may substitute some live lectures with pre-recorded ones, POSTED IN THE CONTENT OR ANNOUNCEMENTS on the COURSE D2L WEBSITE.

Chapters to be covered in the course in order: 1, 5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 9, 10, 11, and 16 (the recorded lectures on the chapters for any particular exam will be available before the exam is given). Lectures are either given in the course content or course

announcements. Please note that all live lectures are at the time mentioned in the meeting time on the first page. All live lectures are recorded and posted in the course website for students who could not attend the live lectures.

November 5-6, 2026: Mid-Term Exam 1 on chapters 1, 2, 5, 3, and 4.

November 22-23, 2026: Mid-term Exam 2 on chapters 6, 7, 8, and 12.

December 6-7, 2026: Final Exam over chapters 8-12 and 16. Please note that some chapters from the second mid-term are also included here.

Access to the Take Home Quiz is provided from December 1-4, 2026.

All Exams/quiz are posted on the Course D2L Website.

A Good Way to Succeed:

This is an online class and requires the student to be more self-directed. Please make sure you have a working microphone. Please read the assigned chapters for the week before you attend the class for the best results. You are responsible for all the material in the chapters assigned, whether I discuss that material in the Webinar or NOT. If you think this class will take less time and be easier than a face to face, you are mistaken indeed. The fact that you may be working a full-time job while taking this class will put additional pressure on you. You should be aware that I still expect you to meet the timelines in this class. This material will not be covered at length in your Webinars. You must have a cable, DSL, or high-speed modem connection to connect. Speeds of 5 megs or more work best. Also, since we are using a Voice Over IP system, you will need a headset with earphones.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)
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Academic Misconduct: Cheating will not be tolerated in this class. Please remember that this is a graduate-level class and you are graded against each other. By giving someone answers to exam questions helps neither you nor them. If I catch someone cheating, I will deal with that in accordance to the policies of the East Texas A&M University.

An Important Note:

Tenets of Common Behavior statement: All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook);

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the University.

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Students with Disabilities:

Students with Disabilities information: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Gee Library, Room 162

(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 phone (903) 468-8148 fax

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Nondiscrimination Statement

Nondiscrimination notice: East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Important Information about Counseling Center

The Counseling Center at ETAMU, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community

resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel