

**Note:**

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## ***COURSE SYLLABUS***

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### **BUSI 685**

#### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course focuses on the firm's opportunities and resulting potential impact on shareholder value based on the considered risk level. Topics include investments, capital structure and restructuring, budgeting, financial markets, policy, and portfolio management.

#### **RATIONALE**

Financial managers learn from experience how to make routine decisions. The best managers, however, are also able to adapt to the ever-changing business environment in which their firm operates. Managing change requires more than rules of thumb to be truly effective; financial managers must understand why companies and financial markets behave the way they do. In other words, financial managers need to understand the theory of finance in order to conduct sound and effective financial decisions.

#### **I. PREREQUISITE**

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

#### **II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

#### **III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Blackboard [recommended browsers](#)
- D. Microsoft Office

#### **IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Explain the finance function within a firm.
- B. Appraise the theory, tools, and techniques necessary for efficient management and utilization of the firm's financial resources.

- C. Apply core financial principles to structure and analyze real-world corporate finance problems.
- D. Assess financial decisions within a biblical perspective.

**V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes
- B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

- C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to submit a thread of at least 300 words in response to the provided prompt for each forum. For each thread, the student must support his/her assertions with at least 2 scholarly/professional sources and 1 biblical integration in current APA format. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 classmates' threads. Each reply must be at least 150 words and cite at least 2 sources.

- D. Connect Homework Assignments (8)

Each module/week, the student will be assigned homework and LearnSmart Activities to complete in Connect. Each module/week's homework consists of 2 assignments: the chapter homework and the LearnSmart homework. At the end of each module/week, Connect will automatically grade all the assignments, and the instructor will then download the results and place the scores on Blackboard.

- E. Integration of Faith and Learning (IFL) Paper

The student will write a 1000-word research paper using current APA format that examines 1 of the major topics in the course in light of the Bible. The focus of this paper will be to bridge the gap between Christianity and theory. In the first half of the paper, the student must cite at least 3 scholarly sources (in addition to his/her textbook), and in the second half, the student must include at least 3 Bible verses.

- F. Exams (2)

Each exam will cover the Reading & Study material for the assigned modules/weeks. Each exam will be open-book/open-notes, contain multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES****A. Points**

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (4 at 50 points each)	200
Connect Homework Assignments (8 at 50 points each)	400
Integration of Faith & Learning Paper	100
Exams (2 at 150 points each)	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>1010</b>

**B. Scale**

A = 940–1010   A- = 920–939   B+ = 900–919   B = 860–899   B- = 840–859  
 C+ = 820–839   C = 780–819   C- = 760–779   D+ = 740–759   D = 700–739  
 D- = 680–699   F = 0–679

**C. Quizzes/Tests/Exams**

For timed quizzes/tests/exams, the student is required to complete the quiz/test/exam within the assigned time. For the student who exceeds this time limit, a penalty of 1 point will be deducted for each minute, or part thereof, he/she exceeds the assigned time limit.

**D. Disability Assistance**

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Accommodation Support (ODAS) at [LUOODAS@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOODAS@liberty.edu) to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at [www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport](http://www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport).

If you have a complaint related to disability discrimination or an accommodation that was not provided, you may contact ODAS or the Office of Equity and Compliance by phone at (434) 592-4999 or by email at [equityandcompliance@liberty.edu](mailto:equityandcompliance@liberty.edu). Click to see a full copy of Liberty's [Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) or the [Student Disability Grievance Policy and Procedures](#).

## ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

### **BUSI 685**

Textbook: Brealey et al., *Principles of Corporate Finance* (2017).

<b>MODULE/ WEEK</b>	<b>READING &amp; STUDY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 11–12 Bible Readings	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions Connect Homework 1	10 0 50
<b>2</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 13–15 Bible Readings	DB Forum 1 Connect Homework 2	50 50
<b>3</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 17–19 Bible Readings	DB Forum 2 Connect Homework 3	50 50
<b>4</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 20–22 Bible Readings	Connect Homework 4 Exam 1	50 150
<b>5</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 23–25 Bible Readings	DB Forum 3 Connect Homework 5	50 50
<b>6</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 26–27 Bible Readings	DB Forum 4 Connect Homework 6	50 50
<b>7</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 28–30 Bible Readings	Integration of Faith Learning Project Connect Homework 7	100 50
<b>8</b>	Brealey et al.: chs. 31–32, 34 Bible Readings	Connect Homework 8 Exam 2	50 150
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,010</b>

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.