

Finance 4329 Fixed Income Analysis Fall 2009

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Course Objective: Develop a thorough understanding of the fixed income security valuation and risk management. Understanding both the relevant theories and applications will be required.

Textbook: *Modern Financial Markets: Prices, Yields, and Risk Analysis*
Blackwell, Griffiths, and Winters, Wiley 1st edition.

Pre-requisite: FIN 3320 (Financial Management) and 3323 (Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions)

Course Outline:	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
	1.	Introduction to Financial Markets: Valuing Assets and Managing Their Risk
	2.	Overview of Financial Institutions
	3.	The Level and Structure of Interest Rates
	5.	Bond Markets
	Exam 1 (chapters 1, 2, 3, & 5)	
	4.	Money Markets
	8.	Foreign Exchange Markets
	9.	Forwards and Futures
	10.	Options
	Exam 2 (chapters 4, 9 & 10)	
	12.	Money Market Risk Management
	13.	Bond Risk Management
	15.	Equity Risk Management (VaR)
	17.	Derivatives Risk Management
	Exam 3 (12, 13, 15 & 17)	

Projects: There will be two projects during the course. The projects will be done in groups of three to five students. The groups are your choice.

Grading:

Exam 1	100 points.
Exam 2	100
Final exam	100
Project 1	30
Project 2	<u>30</u>
Total points	360

Late project will **NOT** be accepted and will be assigned 0 points. There will **NOT** be any extra credit points. The 360 points listed above are only sources of points in this class.

I will use (+/-) grading.

Exam Schedule: The third exam will be taken during the time period designated by the university for the class final exam.

For this class the final exam period is

Wednesday December 16 at 7:30AM – 10:00AM

The other exams will be taken during a regular class period. There will be no makeup exams. **If an exam is missed, the missed exam's points will be added to the points of the third exam and you will take a cumulative final exam.**

Other:

Academic Misconduct

“It is the aim of the faculty of Texas Tech University to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of students to present as their own any work that they have not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense and renders the offenders liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.”

Cheating: Dishonesty on examinations and quizzes or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination or quiz, obtaining information during an examination from the examination paper or otherwise from another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry to or unauthorized presence in an office are instances of cheating.

Plagiarism: Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore any student who fails to give credit for quotations or an essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from the themes, reports, or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

Civility in the Classroom

Professional behavior is expected at all times in the classroom.

Students with Disabilities

Any student who because of a disability may require special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make any necessary accommodations. Student must present appropriate verification from AccessTECH. No requirement exists that accommodations be made prior to completion of this approved university procedure.