FIN-4304-110, INVESTMENTS
CRN 11125
This is a 100% online class!
Spring 2021
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION
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Office Hours: By appointment via WebEx. In addition, we will have weekly review sessions on WebEx.

Mode of instruction and course access:
This course is an online class with materials and lectures made available online via the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com]


You will need a financial calculator. I will teach the class using the TI BAII Plus Professional financial calculator. This is because I can show you examples in class using these calculators. If you prefer to use a HP business calculator or a graphics calculator that has financial functions, that is fine but do not expect me to tutor you on how to use your own calculator. A graphics calculator will be useful for all exams and if you prefer to use formulas.

Student-instructor interaction:
My preferred communication method is via the TAMUCT email system, you are responsible for the content of all course emails. I check email regularly on weekdays and a couple of times a day on weekends.

I highly recommend that you take the time to communicate with me, this will be beneficial to both of us. This gives me the opportunity to understand both your strengths and weaknesses, students that take the time to get to know me usually do much better in my class. Finally, do not fall behind and do not be afraid to ask for help. This course is one of the most rigorous in the finance program.

WARRIOR SHIELD
Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas
Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by 911Cellular [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield,
university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Texas A&M University-Central Texas has adopted policies and practices to minimize virus transmission. All members of the university community are expected to adhere to these measures to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses, course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.) and co-curricular programs:

- **Self-monitoring**—Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction. Students required to quarantine must participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities.

- **Face Coverings**—Face coverings must be worn inside of buildings and within 50 feet of building entrances on the A&M-Central Texas Campus. This includes lobbies, restrooms, hallways, elevators, classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, break rooms, non-private office spaces, and other shared spaces. Face coverings are also required in outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not maintained. The university will evaluate exceptions to this requirement on a case by case basis. Students can request an exception through the Office of Access and Inclusion in Student Affairs.
  
  - If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office of Student Conduct. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.

- **Physical Distancing**—Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in the course and course-related activities.

- **Classroom Ingress/Egress**—Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded. Do not congregate in hallways and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.

- The university will notify students in the event that the COVID-19 situation necessitates changes to the course schedule or modality.
COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description: The material covered is about two-thirds quantitative and the rest institutional and descriptive. Fluency with college algebra, statistics, and some calculus is required.

Course Objective: In this class, students will learn analytical tools for making investment decisions. These tools facilitate portfolio selection and the relating of risk with return. The application of these tools leads to an understanding of stocks, bonds, options and mutual funds.

Course Prerequisites: FIN 3301 and BUSI 3311

Student Learning Outcomes and Competency Goals:
1. INVESTMENTS: BACKGROUND AND ISSUES
   Define an investment.
   Distinguish between real assets and financial assets.
   Explain the economic functions of financial markets and how various securities are related to the governance of the corporation.
   Describe the major steps in the construction of an investment portfolio.
   Identify different types of financial markets and the major participants in each of those markets.
   Explain the causes and consequences of the financial crisis of 2008.

2. INVESTMENTS: BACKGROUND AND ISSUES
   Distinguish among the major assets that trade in money markets and in capital markets.
   Describe the construction of stock market indexes.
   Calculate the profit or loss on investments in options and futures contracts.

3. SECURITIES MARKETS
   Describe how firms issue securities to the public.
   Identify various types of orders investors can submit to their brokers.
   Describe trading practices in dealer markets, specialist-directed stock exchanges, and electronic communication networks.
   Compare the mechanics and investment implications of buying on margin and short-selling

4. MUTUAL FUNDS AND OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES
   Cite advantages and disadvantages of investing with an investment company rather than buying securities directly.
   Contrast open-end mutual funds with closed-end funds, unit investment trusts, hedge funds, and exchange-traded funds.
   Define net asset value and measure the rate of return on a mutual fund.
   Classify mutual funds according to investment style.
   Demonstrate the impact of expenses and turnover on mutual fund investment performance.

5. RISK AND RETURN
   Cite advantages and disadvantages of investing with an investment company rather than buying
securities directly.
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6. EFFICIENT DIVERSIFICATION
Show how covariance and correlation affect the power of diversification to reduce portfolio risk.
Calculate mean, variance, and covariance using either historical data or scenario analysis.
Construct efficient portfolios and use the Sharpe ratio to evaluate portfolio efficiency.
Calculate the composition of the optimal risky portfolio.
Use index models to analyze the risk and return characteristics of securities and portfolios.
Understand the effect of investment horizon on portfolio risk.

7. CAPITAL ASSET PRICING AND ARBITRAGE PRICING THEORY
Use the implications of capital market theory to estimate security risk premiums.
Construct and use the security market line.
Specify and use a multifactor security market line.
Take advantage of an arbitrage opportunity with a portfolio that includes mispriced securities.
Use arbitrage pricing theory with more than one factor to identify mispriced securities.

8. THE EFFICIENT MARKET HYPOTHESIS
Demonstrate why security price changes should be essentially unpredictable in an efficient market.
Cite evidence that supports and contradicts the efficient market hypothesis.
Provide interpretations of various stock market “anomalies.”
Formulate investment strategies that make sense in informationally efficient markets.

10. BOND PRICES AND YIELDS
Explain the general terms of a bond contract and how bond prices are quoted in the financial press.
Compute a bond's price given its yield to maturity, and compute its yield to maturity given its price.
Calculate how bond prices will change over time for a given interest rate projection.
Describe call, convertibility, and sinking fund provisions, and analyze how these provisions affect a bond's price and yield to maturity.
Identify the determinants of bond safety and rating and how credit risk is reflected in bond yields and the prices of credit default swaps.
Calculate several measures of bond return, and demonstrate how these measures may be affected by taxes.
Analyze the factors likely to affect the shape of the yield curve at any time, and impute forward rates from the yield curve.

11. MANAGING BOND PORTFOLIOS
Analyze the features of a bond that affect the sensitivity of its price to interest rates.
Compute the duration of bonds and use duration to measure interest rate sensitivity.
Show how convexity affects the response of bond prices to changes in interest rates.
Formulate fixed-income immunization strategies for various investment horizons.
Analyze the choices to be made in an actively managed bond portfolio.

13. EQUITY VALUATION
Use financial statements and market information to estimate firm value.
Calculate the intrinsic value of a firm using either a constant-growth or multistage dividend discount model.
Assess the growth prospects of a firm and relate growth opportunities to the P/E ratio.
Value a firm using free cash flow models.

15. OPTIONS MARKETS
Calculate the profit to various option positions as a function of ultimate security prices.
Formulate option strategies to modify portfolio risk-return attributes.
Identify embedded options in various securities and determine how option characteristics affect the prices of those securities.

16. OPTION VALUATION
Identify the features of an option that affect its market value.
Compute an option value in two-scenario and binomial models of the economy.
Compute the Black-Scholes value and implied volatility of an option.
Compute the proper relationship between call and put prices.
Compute the hedge ratio of an option and use that ratio to manage risk.

17. FUTURES MARKETS
Identify the features of an option that affect its market value.
Compute an option value in two-scenario and binomial models of the economy.
Compute the Black-Scholes value and implied volatility of an option.
Compute the proper relationship between call and put prices.
Compute the hedge ratio of an option and use that ratio to manage risk.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Homework (100 points) - There will be end of chapter homework assignments throughout the semester. All homework will be submitted via the links provided in the Assignments section of Canvas. All homework assignments combined will be worth 100 points. I will not accept late homework. Let me repeat. I WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE HOMEWORK!

Exams (300 points) - You will have 3 exams in this class. Each exam is worth 100 points. All exams will cover material from the chapters that were covered after the previous exam. This means that the exams are not comprehensive...technically. However, since much of the material builds on itself you must understand earlier chapters to be able to show your understanding of later chapters. The optional final exam is comprehensive and if you elect to take the final it will replace your lowest exam grade. There is a risk to taking the final, your grade can improve or decline depending on your test score. Also, if you elect to take the final and do
not complete the exam, you will receive a grade of 0.

All exams will be administered online using Proctorio!

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NOTE: Requests for Incomplete Grades: Incompletes will only be given in emergency or other extreme circumstances. Any request for an incomplete grade in this course must be approved by the professor prior to the last week of classes. Requests should be submitted in written form, include a detailed explanation and documentation, and must include an address and/or telephone number where you may be contacted throughout the following semester. There is a university requirement that a substantial portion (roughly 70%) of the course work must have been completed by the student prior to receiving an incomplete. Also, students will be required to enter into a contract with the professor to finish the course within some set time frame to be determined by the professor. Students will no longer be able to get an IC after doing 5% of the class and then get an extra semester to complete their work.

Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted in Canvas, in most cases they will be posted just prior to the next class after an exam.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

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### Important University Dates:

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements
This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.
Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.
Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support
Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.
For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Online Proctored Testing
A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

Other Technology Support
For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
Phone: (254) 519-5466
Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]
Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy
If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the Drop Request Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.
[https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612].
Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the
Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

**Academic Integrity**
Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, working with others in an unauthorized manner, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the university’s Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university’s standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more information regarding the Student Conduct process, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html).

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a report, [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0).

**Academic Accommodations**
At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717)

**Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**
Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs’ Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit Student Affairs [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html). Students may also contact the institution’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website
Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring
Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors will return at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111 in the Fall 2020. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing studentsuccess@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center
The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Fall 2020 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours online Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCOntine [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

University Library
The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

For Fall 2020, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our Library website [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.

OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas
Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L). Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don’t agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don’t be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Behavioral Intervention
Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the referral online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].
Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the Behavioral Intervention Team website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person’s behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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