



Advanced Finance

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Course Overview

In Advanced Finance, we will apply the concepts covered in the Personal Finance class to allow students to gain a better understanding on how to incorporate learnings into their life. In this course students will discover ways to maximize their earning potential, develop strategies for managing financial resources, and gain insight into the different ways of investing and protecting money and property. Educational and career choices greatly affect one's financial well-being after school; a unit on how to navigate life after high school helps students prepare for the costs of post-secondary education and how to avoid financial hazards.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course you will be able to demonstrate a good understanding of the principles, processes and vocabulary related to the following areas:

- Maximizing Earning Potential
- Investing
- Personal Risk Management
- Student Loans
- Financial Contracts
- Financial Decision Making

Required Materials

1. Paper (Notebook)
2. Pencil

Classroom Rules and Expectations

1. Follow the classroom rules and expectations.
2. Be on time to class:

To be on time for class you must be in your seat, with your materials, ready to go when the bell rings. If you do not have these things out and ready to go when the bell rings you will be considered tardy.

With your materials means you must have 3 things out and ready to go:

1. Paper (Notebook)
 2. Pencil
 3. Homework
3. If absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.

Grades

Grades will be determined by the percentage of total points accumulated during the semester. Grades will be given as follows:

A	90 – 100%
B	80 – 89%
C	70 – 79%
D	60 – 69%
F	≤59%

Assignments

Assigned work will be an important piece of the learning process in this class. While traditionally called homework, I prefer the term “assignment” because for most assignments I will provide some time in class to complete work and ask any questions that the student may have. These assignments allow students the chance to practice the skills learned to find out where they still have questions. If you do not do your assignments, you will miss out on the opportunity to find out what questions you have, and to get those questions answered.

While I will grade assignments, I will not be grading them on a daily basis. I believe your grade should be based on what you know of the subject. As such, your grade will be calculated using the total points you receive from your graded assignments,

quizzes, tests, projects and other activities. By doing your assignments, you can ensure that you are prepared for the material that will be covered in your quizzes and tests.

Workplace Professionalism

With this being a business class, there are certain expectations that will be incorporated into your grade. Periodically, a grade will be posted that pertains to workplace etiquette. Included in this is attendance, punctuality, working on the tasks assigned, participating in in-class discussions, and being respectful of all those in class (teachers, peers, & guests).

Actions that are not considered on task and will detract from your Workplace Professionalism grade are:

- Smartphone usage (unless prior permission is granted)
- Computer usage not related to the course (games, social media, etc.)
- Bugging your neighbor
- General horseplay

It is your responsibility to find out if you missed any assignments while out of class. You can do this by talking to the teacher, talking to peers, or checking google classroom. Assignments will not be accepted after the school-wide Missing Work Deadlines and as such will be given a permanent zero in the gradebook.

Tests and Quizzes

Tests and quizzes will cover the material from class and from homework. If you work hard, complete your assignments, and come in for help when you need it, you should do well in this course.

There is no comprehensive Semester Final for this class. Instead of a comprehensive final, we will have a final project that students will present to their peers during Finals Week.

Absences

If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. The expectation is that you check the resources available to you (website, assignment board in class), before you come to ask me what you missed.

If you miss a test or a quiz due to an excused absence you must schedule a time with me to complete the task typically either at lunch or after school. It is your responsibility to talk to me about this.

Each day I will post the given work for the day in two places; on the assignment board in the classroom and on the Facebook page for this class (currently under construction). If you forget what was assigned, or if you are absent, please check either of the places to obtain your missing work. After you have done this, check in with me to see if there was anything else that you missed.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am best reached by email or phone. If you call and I am not available, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I am able. I am available to meet before and after school or by appointment during lunch, office hours, or other times that are mutually agreeable, with my prep periods being second and sixth periods.

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