

RHODES COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS (FALL 2006)
Bus. Adm. 454; INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
Class Meets on Mon. & Wed. from 1:00 p. m. – 2:15 p.m. in Buckman 110.

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PREREQUISITES:

You are required to complete BA 351 before taking this course.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- i. **Textbook:** *Fundamentals of International Finance (1st edition)* by Roy L CRUM, Eugene F. BRIGHAM, and Joel F. HOUSTON.
- ii. **A Financial Calculator (e.g. Texas Instrument – BA-II Plus) and/or a Scientific Calculator:**

GOAL OF THE COURSE:

The past several years have witnessed dramatic changes in the business environment. Currently, most large corporations have operations in countries other than their home countries. Events around the world can have significant effects on our jobs, the price of goods and services, and our investment portfolios. Against this background, it is increasingly important for students to have an understanding of international financial management. The goal is to let students understand the international aspects of financial management. This will include why firms go global, currency markets and exchange rate determination, balance of payments, foreign exchange exposure and management, derivatives and risk management, parity conditions, valuation models for common stocks and fixed-income securities, and capital budgeting and capital structure decisions.

GRADING POLICY

There will be a total of **two tests**, and a **final** comprehensive exam. Each test is worth **20%**, and the final exam is worth **30%** of the course grade. Group project (in the form of cases) constitutes **20%**, and homework is worth the remaining **10%**. I do not enjoy giving makeup tests. So, please do well and take all tests on schedule. However, I will give a makeup test if for some genuine reason, a student misses a test.

Please be advised that grades are earned, they are not manufactured. Taking the following quote into consideration may help you earn your desired grade: *“It’s not the will to win*

that matters – everyone has that. It’s the will to prepare to win that matters” (Paul “Bear” Bryant).

GRADING SCALE:

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

CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY:

You are strongly advised to get to class on time. Lateness disrupts attention. Class attendance is mandatory. Class roster will be taken at random.

HONOR CODE:

Tests/Exam:

It is a violation of the Rhodes Honor Code to cheat. This includes the use of your own notes, or any information from whatever third party source during a test or an exam.

Group Project:

Violations of the Honor Code include discussing your answers to the group project with anyone outside your group, and signing the group project indicates each member contributes equally to the result. Free-rider and misrepresentation of participation in the project should be reported by the other group members.

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Below is the tentative class schedule. **The instructor reverses the right to change this schedule as circumstances may dictate.** All changes will be announced in class.

Date/Day	Topic	Chapter
Aug. 23, W	Introduction/Syllabus	
28, M	An Introduction to International Financial Management	1
30, W	The Global Financial Environment	2
Sept. 4, M	Labor Day	
6, W	The Global Financial Environment	2
11, M	Exchange Rate Analysis	3
13, W	Exchange Rate Analysis	3
18, M	International Trade and Foreign Direct Investment	4
20, W	International Trade and Foreign Direct Investment	4
25, M	Test # 1	

27, W	Translating and Consolidating Subsidiary Financial Statements	7
Oct. 2, M	Translating and Consolidating Subsidiary Financial Statements	7
4, W	Debt Instruments and Markets	8
9, M	Debt Instruments and Markets	8
11, W	Stocks and Stock Markets	9
13 - 18	Fall Recess	
23, M	Stocks and Stock Markets	9
25, W	The Cost of Capital	10
30, M	The cost of Capital	10
Nov. 1, W	Test # 2	
6, M	Capital Budgeting: The Basics	11
8, W	Capital Budgeting: The Basics	11
13, M	Capital Budgeting: The Basics	11
15, W	Derivatives and Risk Management	15
20, M	Derivatives and Risk Management	15
22, W	Thanksgiving Holiday	
27, M	Derivatives and Risk Management	15
29, W	International Tax Planning	16
Dec. 4, M	International Tax Planning	16
6, W	Review for Final Exam	
8 - 13	Final Exams	