

**FINANCE 4363
INVESTMENTS
FALL, 2021**

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Textbook: *Fundamentals of Investing* by Smart, Gitman and Joehnk (13^h edition) published by Pearson

**Required Calculator: HP-10B II
Course Technology: Blackboard**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Basic principles of investments; types of investment media; sources of information; characteristics of stocks and bonds; selection of securities; construction of an investment portfolio; and investment companies

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able to:

Analyze investment opportunities and make selections that reflect individual risk and return.

Practice investment techniques and calculations used in the investment markets

Utilize investment information resources to gain current knowledge of securities and markets.

Student learning outcomes will be assessed using assignments and exams.

GRADING: There will be 4 exams, including the final exam. Each exam will count 20% of the final grade. In addition to exams, there will be assignments due throughout the semester and the average of these assignments will count for the other 20% of the final grade. These assignments will be problems that will be very similar to problems on the exams.

Exam material is as follows:

EXAM I	Chapters 1-4
EXAM II	Chapters 6-8
EXAM III	Chapters 9-12
FINAL EXAM	Chapters 13-15

The exams will be a combination of true-false and multiple choice questions plus problems in a short answer format, where you will give your answer to the problem on the exam.

Submitting Assignments and Exams

All assignments and exams will be done in Blackboard. Students must be able to utilize Blackboard functionality. Deadlines are absolute and assignments and exams are due by the due date. If I do not have possession of your assignment or exam by the due date, then it is late and will not be accepted. This includes accidentally submitting the wrong assignment or an incomplete assignment and not realizing your error until after the due date. Also, .pages (which I think is the default word processor for Mac computers) are not acceptable as they do not open. If you attach files, make sure I am able to open it in either a pdf or doc file. If you need technical support, contact the Technology Service Center at 325-942-2911 or email at helpdesk@angelo.edu or the Elearning Center (especially for Blackboard issues) at 325-486-6263.

The only exception to the late work policy is if you are physically incapacitated due to severe illness or injury (a certified medical statement is necessary) or the ASU technology system is down. Excuses such as weather, technology issues on your part, and work or family issues do not count. One way to avoid being late is to start on assignments prior to the due date.

The schedule at the bottom of the syllabus shows the due dates for assignments and dates of the exams.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Reasonable accomodation for students with disabilities will be made. Students desiring academic accomodations must contact the Student Life Office and are encouraged to do so early in the semester.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the classroom. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university Academic Honor Code and the ASU Student Handbook. Cheating will not be tolerated in this course and is a violation of the University's academic policy. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in academic work is subject to disciplinary action.

COURSE DROP: Information concerning how to drop this course and important drop dates is available through the registrar's office.

GRADE APPEALS AND INCOMPLETES: As stated in the ASU Operating Policy and Procedure, a student may appeal a final grade in a course. Details are available in Operating Policy 10.03. If a student is unable to complete a course due to illness or misfortune, an incomplete grade may be available. Details are available in Operating Policy 10.11.

College of Business Code of Ethics

Students, faculty, administrators and professional staff of the College of Business should always:

- Be forthright and truthful in dealings with all stakeholders
- Take responsibility for one's actions and decisions
- Serve as an example of ethical decision-making and behavior to others
- Admit errors when they occur, without trying to conceal them
- Respect the basic dignity of others by treating them as one would wish to be treated

Finance 4363 – Schedule – Fall, 2021

Week of Aug. 23-27	Chapters 1-2	
Week of Aug. 28-Sept. 3	Chapters 2-3	Assignment 1 Due – Monday, 8/30
Week of Sept. 6-10	Holiday Chapter 4	Monday, 9/6 Assignment 2 Due – Thursday, 9/8
Week of Sept. 13-17	Exam I	Thursday, 9/16
Week of Sept. 20-24	Chapter 6	Assignment 3 Due – Tuesday, 9/21 Assignment 4 Due – Friday, 9/24
Week of Sept. 27-Oct. 1	Chapter 7 Chapter 8	Assignment 5 Due – Tuesday, 9/28 Assignment 6 Due – Friday, 10/1
Week of Oct. 4-8	Exam II	Thursday, 10/7
Week of Oct. 11-15	Chapters 9-10	Assignment 7 Due –Wed. 10/13
Week of Oct. 18-22	Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Assignment 8 Due – Monday, 10/18 Assignment 9 Due – Thursday, 10/21
Week of Oct. 25-29	Chapter 12	Assignment 10 Due –Wed., 10/27
Week of Nov. 1-5	Chapter 12 Exam III	Assignment 11 Due – Monday, 11/1 Friday, 11/5
Week of Nov. 8-12	Chapter 13	Assignment 12 Due – Wed., 11/10
Week of Nov. 15-19	Chapter 14	Assignment 13 Due – Monday, 11/15

Week of Nov. 22-26	Chapter 14	Assignment 14 Due –Monday, 11/22
Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Chapter 15	Assignment 15 Due – Wed., 12/1
Week of Dec. 6-10	Final Exam	Tuesday, 12/7