

FIN2704/FIN2704X/RE2706 – FINANCE
AY2026/2027 Semester 1

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course gives students the foundations to understand the key concepts and tools used in Finance. It offers a broad overview of the financial environment under which firms operate and equips students with the conceptual and analytical skills necessary to make sound financial decisions for the firm. Throughout the course, specific examples will be considered to highlight some basic ethical issues involved in various financial decision-making contexts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The objective of this course is to provide the foundations needed to understand important key concepts and tools used in finance. By the end of the semester, students enrolled in this course should gain a basic understanding of the following topics: financial management, time value of money, risk and return, capital budgeting and financial planning. Students will also be introduced to bonds, common stocks and options.

PREREQUISITES

ACC1701/ACC1701X Accounting for Decision Makers.

INSTRUCTORS

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LECTURES (3 Time Slots available)

Tuesday

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday

8a.m. – 10 a.m.

TUTORIALS

You must also register for one of the course's tutorial sections. You will be assigned a tutor depending on the tutorial section you registered for. You must attend your officially registered tutorial section to receive credits for tutorial participation and quizzes.

COURSE MATERIALS

1. Recommended Textbook

Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, 14th Edition

By Stephen A. Ross, Randolph W. Westerfield, Bradford D. Jordan

ISBN: 978-1-266-96271-4

Available at NUS Co-op or Digital copy

2. Financial calculator (optional)

Each student is encouraged to bring a financial calculator to all lectures, tutorials, quizzes, and tests.

Suggested financial calculator: [Texas Instruments BAI Plus Financial Calculator](#)

3. Pre-Lecture Videos and Lecture slides will be posted on Canvas

Please note that the videos and slides do not comprise self-contained lectures.

Students should watch the videos before attending the week's lectures.

4. Tutorial questions will be posted on Canvas

Students are responsible for understanding all assigned problems since they will help prepare for the quizzes, midterm and final exam.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight
Tutorial Class Participation	10%
Quiz (best 2 of 3): In registered tutorials (refer to schedule below)	15%
Midterm Test: 7th Oct 2026 (Wed) 7.00pm – 8.20pm - TBC	30%
Final Exam: 25th Nov 2026 (Wed) 1.00pm – 2.30pm	45%
TOTAL	100%

CLASS ATTENDANCE

You are responsible for **materials** discussed in the pre-lecture videos, lectures and tutorials. You are also responsible for all **announcements** made during the lectures, tutorial sessions and those posted on Canvas.

The material for this course needs to be absorbed **consistently**. Therefore, students are expected to watch all pre-lecture videos, attend all lectures and tutorial sessions. Students would also find it helpful to read the recommended textbook chapters, lecture materials and attempt the tutorial questions **before** their corresponding lecture and tutorial sessions.

The course employs face-to-face onsite lectures and small group tutorials. These lessons will **not** be recorded. If students need to miss them, they are expected to read up on the material on their own and catch up with their friends on anything they might have missed.

You are required to attend your **officially-registered** tutorial sessions every week. Your attendance in these sessions will be part of the lecture and tutorial participation assessments.

Tutorial Participation

You will only receive credit for participation made in your registered tutorial sections.

Your class participation mark will be allocated by your tutor based on your attendance, participation in discussions, and tutorial presentations (if presentations are assigned by your tutor). Evaluation will be based on how well you have participated in class, looking at the quality, not the quantity, of your participation.

Participation points are awarded **at your tutor's discretion** and are based solely on **your tutor's opinion** of your efforts and your contribution to class discussions. These points are not automatically given but must be earned and they are **not subject to negotiation**.

Quizzes

There will be **three** quizzes conducted in **Weeks 6, 10 and 13** during your tutorial session. These quizzes are drafted by your tutor and will take place during your **officially registered** tutorial session. Each tutor can adjust the materials covered based on the speed of each class.

The **two best** quiz marks will count toward your quiz grade. There will be **no make-up quizzes**. All quiz marks from each tutorial section may be normalized at the end of the semester so that all tutorial sections will have similar average mark.

ACADEMIC HONESTY & PLAGIARISM

Academic integrity and honesty are essential for the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. The University and School expect every student to uphold academic integrity & honesty at all times. Academic dishonesty is any misrepresentation with the intent to deceive, or failure to acknowledge the source, or falsification of information, or inaccuracy of statements, or cheating at examinations/tests, or inappropriate use of resources.

Plagiarism is 'the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own' (The New Oxford Dictionary of English). The University and School will not condone plagiarism. Students should adopt this rule - You have the obligation to make clear to the assessor which is your own work, and which is the work of others. Otherwise, your assessor is entitled to assume that everything being presented for assessment is being presented as entirely your own work. This is a minimum standard. In case of any doubts, you should consult your instructor.

Additional guidance is available at:
<https://nus.edu.sg/campusconduct/>

Statements and E-Resources on Plagiarism:
<https://www.nus.edu.sg/celc/statements-and-e-resources-on-plagiarism/>

Academic Integrity Essentials:
<https://libguides.nus.edu.sg/new2nus/acadintegrity>

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Reading	Tutorial Topic	Quiz
1	Week of 10 Aug 2026	Lecture 1: Introduction & Overview of Financial Management	Ch 1	No Tutorial	
2	Week of 17 Aug 2026	Lecture 2: Financial Statement Analysis	Ch 2, 3	No Tutorial	
3	Week of 24 Aug 2026	Lecture 3: Time Value of Money I	Ch 5, 6	Tutorial 1: Financial Management & Financial Statement Analysis	
4	Week of 31 Aug 2026	Lecture 4: Time Value of Money II	Ch 5, 6	Tutorial 2: Time Value of Money I	
5	Week of 7 Sep 2026	Lecture 5: Risk & Return I	Ch 12, 13	Tutorial 3: Time Value of Money II	
6	Week of 14 Sep 2026	Lecture 6: Risk & Return II	Ch 12, 13	Tutorial 4: Risk & Return I	Quiz 1
Recess Week (19 Sep 2026 – 27 Sep 2026)					
7	Week of 28 Sep 2026	Lecture 7: Bonds	Ch 7	Tutorial 5: Risk & Return II	
8	Week of 5 Oct 2026	Lecture 8: Common Stocks	Ch 8	Tutorial 6: Bonds	
	7th Oct 2026 (TBC) 7.00 – 8.20 p.m.	Midterm Test: ○ All materials from Lectures 1–6 and Tutorials 1–5			
9	Week of 12 Oct 2026	Lecture 9: Capital Budgeting I	Ch 9, 10	Tutorial 7: Common Stocks	
10	Week of 19 Oct 2026	Lecture 10: Capital Budgeting II	Ch 9, 10	Tutorial 8: Capital Budgeting I	Quiz 2
11	Week of 26 Oct 2026	Lecture 11: Long-term Financial Planning	Ch 4	Tutorial 9: Capital Budgeting II	
12	Week of 2 Nov 2026	Lecture 12: Short-term Financial Planning	Ch 18, 19, 20	Tutorial 10: Long-term Financial Planning	
13	Week of 9 Nov 2026	Lecture 13: Options	Ch 24	Tutorial 11: Short-term Financial Planning	Quiz 3
Reading Week (14 Nov 2026 – 22 Nov 2026)					
25th Nov'26 (Wed) 1.00 – 2.30 p.m.		Final Exam: ○ All materials from Lectures 1–12 and Tutorials 1–11 ○ Questions will be on topics after Recess Week			