



Nanchang University
FINM302: International Finance
(Last Updated in Jan. 2025)

Credit: 6

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session (3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours) at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

This course emphasizes on broad concepts & practices and provides a clear conceptual framework for analyzing key financial decisions in multinational firms. This course treats international financial management as a natural and logical extension of the principles learned in the foundations course in financial management. Thus, it builds on and extends the valuation framework provided by domestic corporate finance to account for dimensions unique to international finance.

Note: This Syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class.

Required Textbook

Textbook: *Foundations of Multinational Financial Management*, by Alan C. Shapiro, Atulya Sarin
Edition: 6th Edition
Publisher: Wiley

Grading

- Participation 10%
- Homework and Assignments 20%
- Quizzes 20%
- Midterm 20%
- Final Exam 30%

Letter Grade	Grade Points
High Distinction	85-100



Distinction	75-84
Credit	65-74
Pass	50-64
Fail	0-49

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course and syllabus-related materials

Class 2:

Environment of International Financial Management

Introduction: Multinational enterprise and Multinational financial Management

Reading: Chapter 1

Class 3:

The Determination of Exchange Rates

Reading: Chapter 2

Class 4:

The International Monetary System

Reading: Chapter 3

Class 5:

The International Monetary System (Cont.)

Reading: Chapter 3

Class 6:

Parity Conditions in International Finance and Currency Forecasting

Reading: Chapter 4

Quiz 1

Class 7:

The Balance of Payments and International Economic Linkages

Reading: Chapter 5

Class 8:

The Balance of Payments and International Economic Linkages (Cont.)



Reading: Chapter 5

Quiz 2

Class 9:

Part II: Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Markets

The Foreign Exchange Market

Reading: Chapter 6

Class 10:

The Foreign Exchange Market (Cont.)

Reading: Chapter 6

Class 11:

Currency Futures and Options Markets

Reading: Chapter 7

Class 12:

Swaps and Interest Rates Derivatives

Reading: Chapter 8

Class 13:

Review and Midterm

Class 14:

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

Measuring and Managing Translation and Transaction Exposure

Reading: Chapter 9

Class 15:

Measuring and Managing Translation and Transaction Exposure (Cont.)

Reading: Chapter 9

Class 16:

Measuring and Managing Economic Exposure

Reading: Chapter 10

Class 17:

Foreign Markets and Investments

Country Risk Analysis

Reading: Chapter 11

Class 18:

International Financing and National Capital Markets

Reading: Chapter 12



Quiz 3

Class 19:

International Portfolio Investment

Reading: Chapter 13

Class 20:

Capital Budgeting for the Multinational Corporation

Reading: Chapter 14

Class 21:

Financing and Controlling Multinational Operations

Financing Foreign Trade

Reading: Chapter 15

Class 22:

Managing the Multinational Financial System

Reading: Chapter 16

Class 23:

Managing the Multinational Financial System(Cont)

Reading: Chapter 16

Quiz 4

Class 24:

Overall Review

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on "Late Withdrawals"

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for



cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.