



**Course Objectives:** The objectives of this course are for the students to be able to:

1. Apply agribusiness skills about financial analysis and planning to the operation, capital investment decision, and capital structure of agribusiness firms.
2. Understand and apply basic computer and mathematical decision making aids to firm level financial management problems.
3. Locate and use data and information from various government, professional and industry sources.

**Grading and Exams:** Weighing of exams and assignments.

	Option 1	Option 2
Mid-term Exam I ( <b>October 11</b> , in class)	20	30
Mid-term Exam II ( <b>December 6</b> , in class)	20	30
Comprehensive Final Exam ( <b>December 16</b> , 10:00 am - noon)	20	
Problem-Sets and Projects	35	35
Attendance	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100

***There will be no make up exams; should you miss a mid-term exam the final will count 40%. Should you miss a second mid-term you will receive a zero on the second mid-term (exceptions for University approved events/policies, with documentation, and religious holidays).***

Final grades will be assigned as follows:

90 - 100 %	A	(23)*
85 - 89 "	B+	(11)
80 - 84 "	B	(14)
75 - 79 "	C+	(7)
70 - 74 "	C	(13)
65 - 69 "	D+	(5)
60 - 64 "	D	(6)
< 60 "	E	(5)

\* Grade distribution for Fall 2003

**Class Attendance Policy:** Class attendance makes up 5% of your grade. Periodic, unannounced, 'attendance quizzes' will be given at the end of the class period. If you 'pass' at least 90% of these you will get the 5% for attendance, If you 'pass' at least 80% (but below 90%) you will get 4% for attendance, etc.

### **For Each Problem-Set or Project:**

For each assignment I will provide you with specific details of the assignment. The total possible points for each will vary. However, each assignment will be graded on the following breakdown:

50% of the total possible points will be based on the correctness of your answers (if turned in on time).

25% of the total possible points will be based on the presentation; completeness, detail, neatness, readability, and communication (If turned in on time). You must;

- Type paper, there will be an automatic 10% reduction if it is not typed or a printout of a spreadsheet.
- Provide a cover sheet with your name, course number and title, and date submitted.
- Communicate adequately your understanding of the material and the grammar is correct.

25% of the total possible points will be based on timeliness. Turn it in when due. If it is;

- Twenty-four hours late, the assignment loses 25% of the total possible points.
- Forty-eight hours late 50%.
- After seventy-two hours the maximum grade possible is 25%.

### **UF Counseling Services:**

Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. These resources include:

1. University Counseling Center, 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, personal and career counseling;
2. Student Mental Health, Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, personal counseling;
3. Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, sexual counseling; and
4. Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development assistance and counseling.

### **Classroom Accommodation**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities, who need reasonable modifications to complete assignments and otherwise satisfy course requirements are asked to meet with the instructor as early in the course as possible to identify and plan specific accommodations. Students must provide documentation from the Dean of Students Office.

**To receive a grade for this course you are required to read and sign the following. It must then be returned to the instructor by the end of the third class period.**

**University of Florida Honor Code reads as follows:**

Preamble: In adopting this Honor Code, the students of the University of Florida recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students who enroll at the University commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Honor Code. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor Code is bound by honor to take corrective action. A student-run Honor Court and faculty support are crucial to the success of the Honor Code. The quality of a University of Florida education is dependent upon the community acceptance and enforcement of the Honor Code.

The Honor Code: We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

*"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

**Software Use:**

All faculty, staff and students of the University of Florida are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

**Course Prerequisites:**

I have completed successfully the prerequisites for this course:

AEB 3103 Principles of Food and Resource Economics (or ECO 2023)

AEB 3144 Agricultural Finance (or FIN 3408)

**Syllabus:**

I have read and fully understand the syllabus for this course.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_