



COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** ACSC 425, Intermediate Finance and Investment - Fall 2023

Lecture 01 : MWF 14:00 - 14:50 in MS 431

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
Dr. Sang Kang	sangjin.kang@ucalgary.ca	403 210-8697	MS 364/VIA ZOOM	ACSC 425: 4:30 pm~6 pm (Tue, Thu) / ACSC 427: 4:30 pm~6 pm (Mon, Wed, Fri)

This course is accredited under the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) University Accreditation Program (UAP). Achievement of the minimum required grades in accredited courses may provide credit for preliminary exams. Please note that a combination of courses may be required to achieve exam credit.

To account for any necessary transition to remote learning for the current semester, courses with in-person lectures, labs, or tutorials may be shifted to remote delivery for a certain period of time. In addition, adjustments may be made to the modality and format of assessments and deadlines, as well as to other course components and/or requirements, so that all coursework tasks are in line with the necessary and evolving health precautions for all involved (students and staff).

In Person Delivery Details:

- In-person lectures are held on the regular class time. (Mon, Wed, Fri 2 pm~2:50 pm)
- Students are free to join either in the classroom or in Zoom.
- The recording through Zoom is at work simultaneously.
- The Excel assignment demonstrations are provided as the series of the asynchronous pre-recorded videos.

Course Site:

D2L: ACSC 425 L01-(Fall 2023)-Intermediate Finance and Investment

Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

Equity Diversity & Inclusion:

The University of Calgary is committed to creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus, and condemns harm and discrimination of any form. We value all persons regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, age, LGBTQIA2S+ identity and expression, disability, religion, spirituality, and socioeconomic status. The Faculty of Science strives to extend these values in every aspect of our courses, research, and teachings to better promote academic excellence and foster belonging for all.

2. **Requisites:**

See section [3.5.C](#) in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

Prerequisite(s):

Actuarial Science 325 and Statistics 323.

Antirequisite(s):

Credit for Actuarial Science 425 and Finance 317 will be not be allowed without consent of the Department.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Course Component	Weight	Due Date (duration for exams)	Modality for exams	Location for exams
Flexible grading ¹	9%	Ongoing		
Excel Assignments ²	12%	Ongoing		
Reflective writing assignments ³	4%	Ongoing		
Term exam 1	15%	Oct 06 2023 at 02:00 pm (50 Minutes)	in-person	MS 431
Term exam 2 ⁴	30%	Nov 10 2023 at 06:00 pm (1 Days)	online	Online: D2L Dropbox
Term exam 3 (Excel only) ⁵	12%	Dec 05 2023 at 06:00 pm (1 Days)	online	Online: D2L Dropbox
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	18%	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar	in person	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar

¹ Out of three term exams and the final exam, 6% is assigned for the highest-scoring term exam with the proportion of the actual grade. And 3% is assigned for the second highest-scoring term exam with the proportion of the actual grade.

² To be discussed on the first course introduction day. 4 individual assignments (tentative dates September 17, October 8, October 22, and Dec 8), 1 group assignment with the peer evaluation for the group assignment (tentative due date by Nov 26).

³ This assignment is for the experiential learning components during 3 or 4 times classes for the software applications hand-in practice. Students are required to submit 3 articles for the reflection on the software application experience during the class. And this evaluation is assessed through the peer evaluation by using the Kritik.

⁴ This exam is the combination of the written problem solving questions and Excel-based questions. The exam questions are released at 6 pm on November 10. The exam will open for 24 hours. The deadline submission for this exam is by 6 pm on November 11.

⁵ This exam is the submission of Excel-based questions. The exam questions are released at 6 pm on December 5. The exam will open for 24 hours. The deadline submission for this exam is by 6 pm on December 6.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
Minimum % Required	95 %	90 %	85 %	80%	75%	70 %	65 %	60%	55%	50 %	45 %

This course will have a Registrar Scheduled Final exam that will be delivered in-person and on campus. [The Final Examination Schedule](#) will be published by the Registrar's Office approximately one month after the start of the term. The final exam for this course will be designed to be completed within 1.25 hours.

The University of Calgary offers a [flexible grade option](#), Credit Granted (CG) to support student's breadth of learning and student wellness. Faculty units may have additional requirements or restrictions for the use of the CG grade at the faculty, degree or program level. To see the full list of Faculty of Science courses where CG is not eligible, please visit the following website: <https://science.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/program-advising/flexible-grading-option-cg-grade>

4. Missed Components Of Term Work:

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online or in-person assessment on time (e.g. due to illness, domestic affliction, etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date, or possible exemption and reweighing of components. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation ([Section M.1](#)) for an excused absence, See [FAQ](#).

If an excused absence is approved, options for how the missed assessment is dealt with is at the discretion of the coordinator or course instructor. Some options such as an exemption and pro-rating among the components of the course may not be a viable option based on the design of this course.

5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. **Course Materials:**

Recommended Textbook(s):

Stephen A. Ross, Randolph W. Westerfield, Jeffrey Jaffe, Bradford D. Jordan, Hamdi Driss, *Corporate Finance (9th Canadian Edition)*: McGraw Hil.

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.

For more information please refer to the UofC [ELearning](#) online website.

7. **Examination Policy:**

No aids are allowed on tests or examinations.

Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

As this course is a CIA accredited course, we need to follow two of the preferred practices given in the [CIA UAP](#).

1. If this course is being offered online, exams will be published online at the same time for all candidates, with a total publication and completion time limit corresponding to the exam duration plus a limited period of about 15 minutes for upload if paper answers are to be uploaded. Exceptions will be made only to students who have SAS accommodations and/or students who are living in different time zones; these will be handled on a case by case basis.
2. You will be required to sign the following statement based on honor on each assessment:
"I understand that this assessment is part of an accredited course under the University Accreditation Program of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA). In addition to the University rules governing academic integrity, I understand that I am subject to the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Candidates in the CIA Education System and related policy. I swear on my honor to have completed the work on my own and in accordance with the assessment's rules and instructions."

8. **Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:**

As the evaluation component includes the Kritik, it is mandatory for students to subscribe to Kritik Scholar for \$29.

9. **Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:**

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

10. **Human Studies Statement:**

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also [Section E.5](#) of the University Calendar.

11. **Reappraisal Of Grades:**

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

- a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **ten business days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work [form](#) to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of

receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections [I.1](#) and [I.2](#) of the University Calendar

- b. **Final Exam:**The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

12. Other Important Information For Students:

- a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, [Mental Health Services Website](#)) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website ([Mental Health](#)).
- b. **SU Wellness Services:** For more information, see their [website](#) or call [403-210-9355](#).
- c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (syva@ucalgary.ca) or phone at [403-220-2208](#). The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed [here](#).
- d. **Student Ombuds Office:** A safe place for all students of the University of Calgary to discuss student related issues, interpersonal conflict, academic and non-academic concerns, and many other problems.
- e. **Student Union Information:** [SU contact](#), Email your SU Science Reps: science1@su.ucalgary.ca, science2@su.ucalgary.ca, science3@su.ucalgary.ca,
- f. **Academic Accommodation Policy:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf>.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, by filling out the [Request for Academic Accommodation Form](#) and sending it to Jerrod Smith by email jerrod.smith@ucalgary.ca preferably 10 business days before the due date of an assessment or scheduled absence.

- g. **Misconduct:** Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional [Code of Conduct](#) and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence. Some examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: posting course material to online platforms or file sharing without the course instructor's consent; submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. Please read the following to inform yourself more on academic integrity:

[Student Handbook on Academic Integrity](#)
[Student Academic Misconduct Policy](#) and [Procedure](#)
[Faculty of Science Academic Misconduct Process](#)
[Research Integrity Policy](#)

Additional information is available on the [Student Success Centre Academic Integrity page](#)

- h. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a

course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or [non-academic misconduct](#), in addition to any other remedies available at law.

- i. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see [Legal Services](#) website.
- j. **Canadian Institute of Actuaries Ethics:** In addition to the university's internal policies on conduct, including academic misconduct ([Section K of the online calendar](#)), candidates pursuing credits for writing professional examinations shall also be subject to the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Candidates in the CIA Education System and the associated Policy on Conduct and Ethics for Candidates in the CIA Education System. For more information, please visit [Obtaining UAP Credits and the CIA FAQ](#).

Course Outcomes:

- Define key finance terms and concepts, including different types of firms, personal and corporate taxation, financial instruments - bond, stock, basic options (calls, puts); dividends; price to earnings ratio, capital structure, WACC
- Describe and apply modern principles and models of corporate finance: mean-variance optimization, CAPM models, Modigliani-Miller propositions
- Assess financial performance and investment decisions using various measures: balance sheet; income statement; statement of cash flows, financial ratios (e.g., leverage, liquidity, profitability, market value ratios); net present value; the payback, discounted payback models; internal rate of return and profitability index models
- Conduct sensitivity analysis of the price of bonds
- Calculate the value of stocks
- Describe and apply financial concepts to assess risk and return, including: diversifiable and systematic risk, connection between risks and returns, CAPM model, mean-variance portfolio optimization, cost of capital for corporations and projects, impact of market efficiency and taxation.

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