

**Antalya Bilim University**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Econ 2108**  
**Introduction to Finance**  
**Spring 2024-2025**

Class time& Place: Thursday/ 14:00-16:50

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Welcome to the course. This course aims to teach the basic principles of finance. Students will have knowledge about the financial decision-making processes of businesses, time value of money, financial analysis, investment and financing decisions.

This course covers the following topics; Financial System, Markets, and the Importance of the Finance Function in Businesses, The Role of the Financial Manager within the Financial System, Financial Planning, Forecasting, and Control, Financial Analysis, Nominal Interest Rate, Real Interest Rate, and Their Components, Time Value of Money, Future Value, Present Value, Cash Flows, Valuation, Stocks and Investment Instruments, Risk and Return, Investment Project Evaluation, Capital Structure and Theory, Working Capital and It's Management, Current Topics in Finance.

**Learning Outcomes of the Course:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ define fundamental financial concepts,
- ✓ define the financial system and its components,
- ✓ define financial planning, analysis, and control processes,
- ✓ calculate the time value of Money,
- ✓ evaluate securities,
- ✓ analyze risk and expected return rates.

**Course book:**

- ✓ Ross, Westerfield & Jordan, "Fundamentals of Corporate Finance"
- ✓ Brealey, Myers & Allen, "Principles of Corporate Finance"

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. Although plagiarism is well established in Turkish educational system, you will be punished heavily if you are caught do it.

**Assessment Criteria:**

- 1) **Midterm (40%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the midterm exam.
- 2) **Final exam (60%):** This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.
- 3) **Attendance must be at least 70%**

**Course Schedule:**

<b>Week 1</b>	Fundamentals of Finance
<b>Week 2</b>	Financial Markets and Instruments
<b>Week 3</b>	Time Value of Money and Interest Calculations
<b>Week 4</b>	Risk and Return Relationship
<b>Week 5</b>	Financial Statements and Financial Analysis
<b>Week 6</b>	Sources of Financing and Capital Structure
<b>Week 7</b>	Investment Decisions, Capital Budgeting, and Working Capital Management
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Midterm Week</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	Financial Planning and Budgeting
<b>Week 10</b>	Financial Risk Management and Derivative Instruments
<b>Week 11</b>	Behavioral Finance and Investor Psychology
<b>Week 12</b>	The Future of Finance and Emerging Trends
<b>Week 13</b>	International Finance and Exchange Rates
<b>Week 14</b>	Financial Decision-Making and Current Financial Events
<b>Week 15</b>	General Review