

# Finance (FNCE) 300

## Financial Economics (Revision 3)

**Status:** Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision ✖

**Delivery mode:** Individualized study online or Grouped study

**Credits:** 3

**Area of study:** Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies)

**Prerequisites:** Either **ACCT 250** or **ACCT 253** as well as either **MGSC 301** or **MATH 215** or equivalents or with professor's approval.

**Precluded:** FNCE 234 and/or **ECON 300**. FNCE 300 is cross-listed—listed under two different disciplines—with ECON 300. FNCE 300 may not be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for ECON 300 or FNCE 234

**Challenge:** FNCE 300 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business


## Overview

*FNCE 300: Financial Economics* is a three-credit course that introduces basic principles of finance. Students will develop a fundamental understanding of the finance world, which will build a base for pursuing a career in the financial services industry.

## Outline

- Lesson 1: Financial Environment
- Lesson 2: Money and the Monetary System
- Lesson 3: Banks and Other Financial Institutions
- Lesson 4: International Finance and Trade
- Lesson 5: Savings and Investment Process
- Lesson 6: Time Value of Money
- Lesson 7: Bonds and Stocks: Characteristics and Valuation
- Lesson 8: Securities and Markets
- Lesson 9: Business Organization and Financial Data
- Lesson 10: Financial Analysis, Long-Term Financial Planning, and Managing Working Capital
- Lesson 11: Capital Budgeting Analysis

## Evaluation

To **receive credit** in FNCE 300, you must achieve a composite course grade of at least a **“D” (50 percent)**  and a grade of at least 50 percent on the final examination. The weighting of the composite course grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	20%
Assignment 2	20%

Activity	Weight
Assignment 3	20%
Final Exam	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar**.

## Materials

Melicher, R. W., & Norton, E. A. (2020). *Introduction to finance: Markets, investments and financial management* (17th ed.). John Wiley & Sons Inc. ISBN: 978-1-119-56117-0 (eText)


## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

### Evaluation

To **receive credit** for the FNCE 300 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **“D” (50 percent)**  on the examination.

 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- [Academic advising](#)
- [Program planning](#)
- [Request assistance](#)
- [Support services](#)

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