

Overview of the Course

The *Personal Finance* files contain all the material needed to teach the course. These include comprehensive lecture slides, quizzes, problem sets, project guidelines, a final exam, a practice exam, and the solutions to quizzes, problem sets and exams. The files also include a detailed syllabus. **The material provided in the files has been specifically prepared for personal finance teachers.**

The course was piloted at the George Washington University. The recommended way of teaching the course is outlined in the syllabus and the course material. However, teachers may opt to modify the syllabus as well as other material to address specific needs and circumstances. As much as possible, lectures are self-contained and do not depend on what was taught in previous lectures, apart from the beginning lectures. The documents are arranged in folders by class lecture. Each lecture folder contains the corresponding PowerPoint presentation, problem set, and quiz.

Lecture PowerPoints: Each lecture is designed to be taught within a three-hour period. The comprehensive PowerPoint presentations cover all lecture topics in depth and include practical examples of the concepts discussed in the lecture. Many of these real life applications require the use of a financial calculator. Lecture 12 presents supplementary concepts that will not be tested. The two PowerPoint presentations in Lecture 13, a case study and a course summary, serve as review of the course.

Quizzes: The quizzes are intended to test students' understanding of each lecture material. There are quizzes and solutions for eleven lectures. As stated in the syllabus, quizzes are designed to be administered from Lecture 2 up to Lecture 12. Each class should start with a quiz testing knowledge of the material discussed in the previous class; for example, the quiz on Lecture 1's material should be administered at the beginning of Lecture 2.

Problem Sets: The problem sets are provided to help students prepare for the class and the quizzes. Solutions are provided for each problem set.

Project: The project is intended to test knowledge of course concepts. It is meant to be completed toward the end of the course, but teachers may assign it when they believe is best—after the beginning lectures or in the second half of the course. The project folder contains a project description along with project examples and solutions. Students are expected to present their projects in class.

Final Exam: The final exam tests students' knowledge of the concepts covered throughout the lectures. It is composed of several parts, including multiple choice questions as well as short and long answer sections. A practice exam is provided to help students prepare for the final exam.

Videos: The material includes three videos that have been filmed specifically for the course. The videos, while optional, are designed to complement the course material by motivating students, discussing the importance of studying personal finance, and supplying financial advice. In addition to these three videos, links to other educational videos are provided throughout the PowerPoint presentations.