

**MAST 335**  
Investment Mathematics  
*Winter 2025*

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- Class Schedule:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 13:15-14:30.  
Note: There will be a mid-term break from February 24 to March 2.
- Office Hours:** Mondays, 12:00-12:45 and Wednesdays, 14:45-15:45.
- Goal:** This course intends to introduce the student to the notion of interest (compound and simple) and the basic principles of financial mathematics. Topics covered include: accumulation and discount function using compound and simple interest, rate and discount, nominal interest rates, calculation of the present value of constant and varying annuities, amortization schedules, calculation of the outstanding balance of a debt at any point in time, assessing the amount of principle and interest and a payment, determination of the yield rate of an investment, sinking fund and calculation of the price and market value of a bond. Essentially, the first four chapters of the textbook will be covered.
- Reference:** *Mathematics of Investment and Credit*, 8th Edition, by S.A. Broverman.  
The textbook will be available at:  
<https://www.bkstr.com/concordiastore/home>  
**Note:** Students should order textbooks as early as possible, especially for printed versions in case books are backordered or there are any shipping delays.
- Other Reference:** *The Theory of Interest*, 2nd Edition, by S.G. Kellison, 1991.  
*Mathematics of Investment and Credit*, 6th Edition, by S.A. Broverman.
- Calculators:** The only calculators allowed in exams for this course are either the Math and Stat approved calculators with the sticker or the battery- or solar powered Texas Instrument calculators, models BA-II Plus\*, BA-II Plus, TI-30X, TI-30Xa (the official CAS calculator) or TI-30X II\*.  
\* The memory of TI-30X II (IIS solar or IIB battery), TI-30X MultiView (XS Solar or XB Battery), BA II Plus, and BA II Plus Professional will need to be cleared by the examination supervisor upon the candidates' entrance to the examination room. For the BA II Plus and BA II Plus Professional, clearing will reset the calculator to the factory default settings.

For a list of Department Approved calculators see  
[www.concordia.ca/artsci/math-stats/services.html](http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/math-stats/services.html)

**Assignments:** There will be 4 to 5 assignments. Assignments are compulsory. Students are expected to submit their assignments as a single PDF file on Moodle site. **Late assignments will not be accepted.** Assignments contribute 10% to your final grade. Working regularly on the assignments is essential for success in this course.

**Midterm Test:** There will be one **midterm test**, based on the material of weeks 1-6, which will contribute up to 30% to your final grade (see the **Grading Scheme** below). **Midterm test will be held on Wednesday, March 05, 2025, in class** This exam, as well as the final, will be closed-book exams.

**NOTE:** It is the Department's policy that tests missed for any reason, **including illness**, cannot be made up. If you miss the midterm test **because of illness (medical note required)** the final exam will count for 90% of your final grade, and the assignments will count for the remaining 10%.

**Final Exam:** At the end of the course, there will be a final examination during the period assigned by Concordia's Exam Office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy **that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

**Final Grade:** Will be based on the higher of  
**Option (A):** the weighted average of assignments (10%), the Midterm (30%) and of the Final Exam (60%), **or**  
**Option (B):** the weighted average of assignments (10%) and of the Final Exam (90%).

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

**Note:** There will be no make-up tests.

**NOTE:** **THERE IS NO 100% OPTION FOR THE FINAL EXAM.**

#### **Student Services**

You may wish to access the many services available to you as a Concordia student. An overview of these resources can be found here: <https://www.concordia.ca/students/services.html>

#### **Academic Integrity and the Academic Code of Conduct**

This course is governed by Concordia University's policies on Academic Integrity and the Academic Code of Conduct as set forth in the Undergraduate Calendar and the Graduate Calendar. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with these policies and conduct themselves accordingly. "Concordia University has several resources

available to students to better understand and uphold academic integrity. Concordia's website on academic integrity can be found at the following address, which also includes links to each Faculty and the School of Graduate Studies: <https://www.concordia.ca/conduct/academic-integrity.html>" [*Undergraduate Calendar, Sec 17.10.2*]

### **Behaviour**

All individuals participating in courses are expected to be professional and constructive throughout the course, including in their communications.

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