Investments  
BUA 3307  

Syllabus

Day and Time: Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Classroom: LRH 120

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8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Class Description: This course will introduce the student to a basic theoretical base of investments concepts, while at the same time applying this theory to real-world examples. It will discuss the important areas of investments: valuation, the marketplace, fixed income instruments and markets, equity instruments and markets, derivative instruments, and a cross-section of special topics, such as real estate and mutual funds.


Course Requirements: Two exams – midterm and final – 100 points each  
10 Homework assignments – 10 points each  
Security Analysis project – 100 points  
Security Analysis presentation – 50 points  
Stock Pick – Bonus up to 20 points

Grading:  
A = 405 – 450 points  
B = 360 – 404 points  
C = 315 - 359 points  
D = 270 – 314 points  
F = < 269 points  
(+ and – will be used on final grade only)
Security Analysis Project and Presentation: Details on this assignment will be handed out separately.

Stock Pick Contest: Everyone will be given 10,000 Western Maryland olshlaros to purchase three (3) stocks. You must submit them to me by February 10 with a brief explanation of why you selected them. During the remainder of the semester, you will track them on Smart Money each Friday and be prepared to tell the class how your stocks are performing. On April 19, we stop the contest and determine our winner. The final report is due on April 21st.

Conduct of Class: Each class will be divided into three parts:
1. Discuss Key words, Concepts and Discussion questions from the chapter covered in the previous class.
2. Homework assignments and other problems
3. Lecture
I also reserve the right to cover any additional pertinent issues, such as war stories, my children, lacrosse season, country music or ethics.

Honor Code: Will be strictly enforced

Class Attendance: It is my expectation that you will attend all classes. You will be responsible for all material presented in class for testing purposes, whether in the text or not. Your comments and questions in class are appreciated and welcomed. Your active participation during class may result in your numerical grade being raised to a higher alphabetical grade.

Inclement Weather: In the event of bad weather, our class will follow the college directions. Please listen to the radio announcements or look at the web site or television.
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*Assignment* – You should prepare the assignment for that day class. Those assignments in **bold** should be neatly done and handed in or sent to me at the end of the class. Each assignment will be graded on a ten point grading scale. Late work will not be accepted.