**RMI3011**

**85648**

**Risk Management and Insurance**

**Fall 2013**

**BU109**

**T 7:10-10:00pm**

**Professor Information**

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**Office Hours**

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# Required Text and Materials

George E. Rejda, Principles of Risk Management and Insurance, 12th Edition, 2011, Pearson.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to provide students with a solid background in risk management and insurance. It discusses all the different types of risks including property risk, liability risk, personal risks, and speculative risks such as financial risks, covers risk management techniques including risk control and risk financing with a focus on insurance policies, and also presents other major topics in personal financial planning, social insurance and social security, insurance operations and regulations, reinsurance, and innovative capital market financing plans. Consideration is given mostly to the personal line risk management and insurance, including personal property and liability insurance such as auto insurance and home insurance, life insurance, and health insurance. This course also presents an overview of the commercial line property and liability insurance.

**Course Prerequisites and Credit Hours**

Junior standing or higher; 3 credits.

According to Florida State Statute 6A-10.033, students must spend a minimum of 37.5 hours of **in class** time during a 3-credit course. Additionally, students enrolled in a 3-credit course are expected to spend a minimum of 75 hours of **out-of-class-time** specifically working on course-related activities (i.e., reading assigned pieces, completing homework, preparing for exams and other assessments, reviewing class notes, etc.) and fulfilling any other class activities or duties as required.

**Course Learning Objectives**

This course prepares the students for some of the world’s most respected professional designations in financial services such as Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), and Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU). It is a required course comprising the Graduate and Undergraduate Certificate program in Risk Management and Insurance and is an elective for both graduate and undergraduate students. This course is ideal for everyone who would like to obtain a deep understanding of insurance and risk management.

The students will learn the following topics:

1. Risks and risk management techniques;
2. Insurance principles and contracts;
3. Social Security and social insurance;
4. Personal financial planning;
5. Insurers organizations, operations, and regulations;
6. Personal property and liability insurance;
7. Life and health insurance;
8. Commercial property and liability insurance;
9. Reinsurance;

(10) Capital market risk financing plans.

**Course Evaluation Method**

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| Exam I | 29% of total grade |
| Exam II | 29% of total grade |
| Final | 33% of total grade |
| Essays | 6% of total grade |
| Attendance | See “Class Participation |

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| A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- | D+ | D | D- | F |
| 95-100 | 90-94 | 87-89 | 83-86 | 80-82 | 77-79 | 73-76 | 70-72 | 67-69 | 63-66 | 60-62 | 0-59 |

Your letter grade for the course will be based on your final average and on your efforts that I consider reasonable.

**Additional Course Policies**

Missing Exams

There will be three exams: two midterms and one final. The final may not be comprehensive. However, your instructor reserves the right to administer a comprehensive final exam if he deems it appropriate. All three exams are mandatory. Students will be tested on materials from lectures, assigned readings from the text, and any hand-outs distributed in class or electronically. Make-up exams are not permitted and will only be offered at the discretion of the instructor if the student advised the instructor of the need to miss a scheduled exam far in advance and as soon as possible for the student. The offering of a make-up exam will only be considered where the exam was missed because of extreme and serious circumstances.

Late Assignments

You are required to submit two essays before each of the three exams. Late assignments are not accepted.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is required. Students are expected to attend class regularly. Failure to do so will affect your course grade. Each student is permitted two absences for any reason. Students missing two classes or less will get 3 points. Any absences above the permitted two will result in a 1-point deduction for each such absence. Students shall keep track of their own number of absences.

Course Outline

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(Tentative, Subject to Change)

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| **Topic** |
| Syllabus |
| -Introduction to risks |
| -Liability risks  -Risk management techniques  ***Essay 1*** |
| -Risk forecasting and assessment  -Social Security and social insurance  ***Essay 2*** |
| **Exam I** |
| -Personal financial planning |
| -Insurance organizations, operations, and regulations  -Insurance principles and contracts |
| -Auto Insurance  ***Essay 3*** |
| -Life insurance  ***Essay 4*** |
| **Exam II** |
| -Homeowners insurance |
| -Health insurance  ***Essay 5*** |
| -Commercial property and liability insurance  -Reinsurance  ***Essay 6*** |
| -Capital market risk financing plans |
| *Review* |
| **Final** |

**Selected University and College Policies**

Code of Academic Integrity Policy Statement

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student

enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see <http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf>.

Disability Policy Statement

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodation due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities ([OSD](http://www.osd.fau.edu/)) – in Boca Raton, SU 133, (561) 297-3880; in Davie, MOD 1, (954) 236-1222; in Jupiter, SR 117, (561) 799-8585; or, at the Treasure Coast, CO 128, (772) 873-3305 – and follow all OSD procedures.

Religious Accommodation Policy Statement

In accordance with rules of the Florida Board of Education and Florida law, students have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices **and beliefs with regard to admissions, registration, class attendance and the scheduling of** examinations and work assignments.  For further information, please see [Academic Policies and Regulations](http://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/catalog/academics.php).

University Approved Absence Policy Statement

In accordance with rules of the Florida Atlantic University, students have the right to reasonable accommodations to participate in University approved activities, including athletic or scholastics teams, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the course instructor at least one week prior to missing any course assignment.

College of Business Minimum Grade Policy Statement

The minimum grade for College of Business requirements is a “C”. This includes all courses that are a part of the pre-business foundation, business core, and major program. In addition, courses that are used to satisfy the university’s Writing Across the Curriculum and Gordon Rule math requirements also have a minimum grade requirement of a “C”. Course syllabi give individualized information about grading as it pertains to the individual classes.

Incomplete Grade Policy Statement

A student who is passing a course, but has not completed all work due to exceptional circumstances, may, with consent of the instructor, temporarily receive a grade of incomplete (“I”). The assignment of the “I” grade is at the discretion of the instructor, but is allowed only if the student is passing the course.

The specific time required to make up an incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor. However, the College of Business policy on the resolution of incomplete grades requires that all work required to satisfy an incomplete (“I”) grade must be completed within a period of time not exceeding one calendar year from the assignment of the incomplete grade. After one calendar year, the incomplete grade automatically becomes a failing (“F”) grade.

Withdrawals

Any student who decides to drop is responsible for completing the proper paper work required to withdraw from the course.

Grade Appeal Process

A student may request a review of the final course grade when s/he believes that one of the following conditions apply:

* There was a computational or recording error in the grading.
* Non-academic criteria were applied in the grading process.
* There was a gross violation of the instructor’s own grading system.

The procedures for a grade appeal may be found in [Chapter 4 of the University Regulations](http://business.fau.edu/undergraduate/current-students/registration-enrollment/understanding-your-grades/download.aspx?id=56).

Disruptive Behavior Policy Statement

Disruptive behavior is defined in the FAU Student Code of Conduct as *“... activities which interfere with the educational mission within classroom.”* Students who behave in the classroom such that the educational experiences of other students and/or the instructor’s course objectives are disrupted are subject to disciplinary action. Such behavior impedes students’ ability to learn or an instructor’s ability to teach. Disruptive behavior may include, but is not limited to: non-approved use of electronic devices (including cellular telephones); cursing or shouting at others in such a way as to be disruptive; or, other violations of an instructor’s expectations for classroom conduct.

**Faculty Rights and Responsibilities**   
  
Florida Atlantic University respects the right of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires classroom conditions which do not impede their exercise. To ensure these rights, faculty members have the prerogative:

* To establish and implement academic standards
* To establish and enforce reasonable behavior standards in each class
* To refer disciplinary action to those students whose behavior may be judged to be disruptive under the Student Code of Conduct.