

# Introduction to Investments

FIN 2100

## Instructor Information

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**Instructor:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Office Location:**

**Office Hours**

**Best Time to Contact:**

## Course Description

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An introductory course to the subject of investments. Topics include: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, options, futures, real estate, collectibles & more. Covers the fundamentals of compound interest, securities markets, risk & return, market efficiency, asset allocation, portfolio management & behavioral finance. It is recommended students complete FIN 1050 prior to taking this course.

Semester: Fall & Spring

## Course Student Learning Outcomes

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- Explain how securities markets work.
- Demonstrate understanding of the various investment vehicles.
- Research and analyze the value of a financial security.
- Collaborate in making investment recommendations.
- Communicate using appropriate investing terminology.
- Evaluate the risk profile of different asset classes and individual securities.

- ♦ Identify how behavioral biases affect investment decision-making.
- ♦ Implement portfolio management concepts.

## College Wide Student Learning Outcomes

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- ♦ Students think critically.
- ♦ Students communicate effectively.
- ♦ Students develop quantitative literacies necessary for their chosen field of study.
- ♦ Students develop civic literacy & the capacity to be community-engaged learners who act in mutually beneficial ways with community partners.
- ♦ Students develop the knowledge & skills to work with others in a professional & constructive manner.
- ♦ Students develop information literacy.
- ♦ Students express themselves creatively.
- ♦ Students develop computer literacy.

## Course Prerequisites

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There are no prerequisites for **Introduction to Investments - Fin 2100**.

## Communication Plan

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I will respond to email within \_\_\_\_\_.

I will offer feedback on major assignments within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

The best way to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Required Text or Materials

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**Textbook Title:**

**ISBN:**

**Authors:**

**Publisher:**

**Publication Date:**

**Edition:**

For more information on textbook accessibility, contact Accessibility & Disability Services



## Brief Description of Assignments/Exams

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Coursework	Points	Located	Details		
Exam 1	100 points	Under <i>Quizzes or Assignments</i> tab.	Exam 1 covers Chapters 1 - 7	Exam 1 Opens Friday, _____ at _____.	Exam 1 Closes Wednesday, _____ at _____.
Exam 2	100 points	Under <i>Quizzes or Assignments</i> tab.	Exam 2 covers Chapters 8 - 12	Exam 2 Opens Friday, _____ at _____.	Exam 2 Closes Wednesday, _____ at _____.
Exam 3	100 points	Under <i>Quizzes or Assignments</i> tab.	Exam 3 covers Chapters 13 - 16	Exam 3 Opens Friday, _____ at _____.	Exam 3 Closes Wednesday, _____ at _____.
Career Assignment	75 points	Under <i>Assignments</i> tab.	Review instructions & information on the course website. Provide thorough responses & meet all minimum requirements for the length of your responses.		Submission Deadline is _____.
Behavioral Finance Assignment	75 points	Under <i>Assignments</i> tab.	Review instructions & information on the course website. Provide thorough responses & meet all minimum requirements for the length of your responses.		Submission Deadline is _____.
Investment Assignment	75 points	Under <i>Assignments</i> tab.	Review instructions & information on the course website. There is no submission required for this assignment as students work throughout the semester buying/selling stocks.		Deadline is _____.
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>525 points</b>				

## **EXAMS**

Students will take three (3) unit exams which will cover the material from class lectures & other learning activities.

All exams are taken online & are located on the course website under the *Quizzes* or *Assignments* tab. You will have access to your exam only once. If you open the exam and do not finish, it will count as zero on your grade. If there is a system problem while you are taking an assessment, promptly email your instructor at: \_\_\_\_\_.

If you miss one of the three (3) unit exams, you will have the option of replacing your one missed unit exam by taking the comprehensive final exam. I strongly recommend students avoid missing a unit exam because taking the comprehensive final exam is very difficult. Students who need to take the comprehensive final exam will need to provide written notice one week prior to the scheduled final exams.

If an emergency arises, please email the instructor or leave a voicemail message for possible alternatives.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Completing all three (3) assignments is an opportunity to earn points. Directions for completing & submitting all assignments are located on the course website under the *Assignments* tab. If you have any questions about the assignments, email your instructor at: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Assignment Schedule

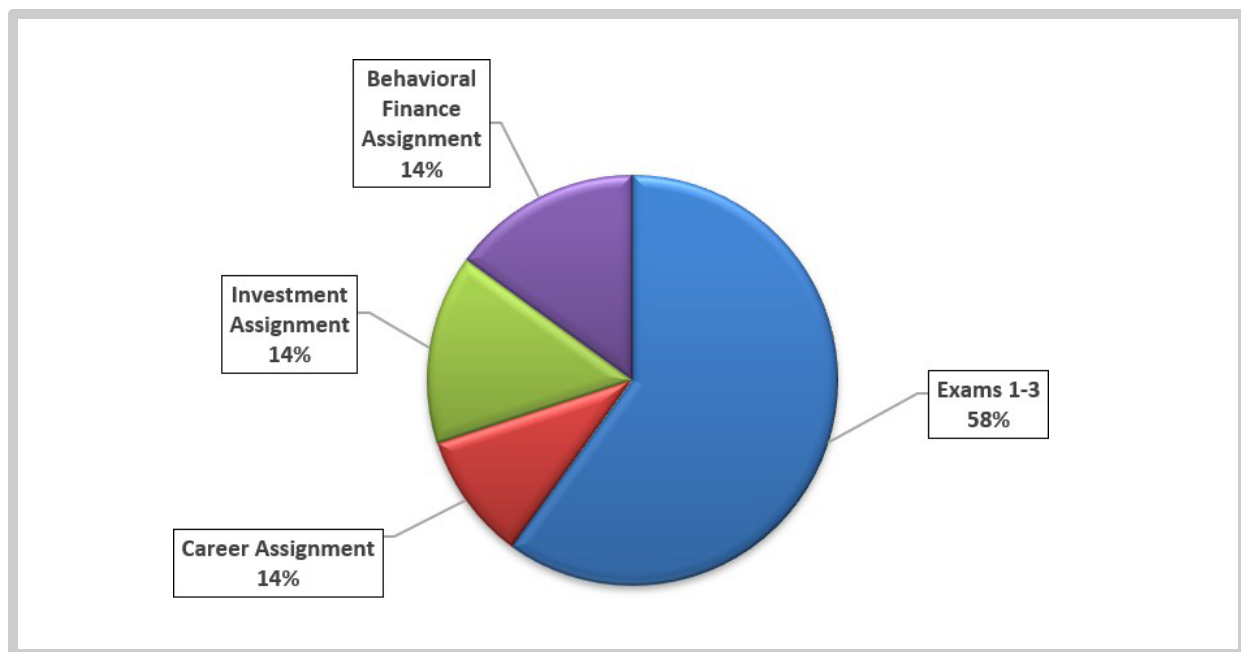
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Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	<a href="#">Exam 1</a>	Quiz	100
	<a href="#">Exam 2</a>	Quiz	100
	<a href="#">Behavioral Finance Assignment</a>	Assignment	75
	<a href="#">Career Assignment</a>	Assignment	75
	<a href="#">Investment Assignment</a>	Assignment	75
	<a href="#">Exam 3</a>	Quiz	100

## Grading Scale

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### POINTS DISTRIBUTION



### GRADING

In accordance with the Grades & Reports Section in the SLCC General Catalog, exams, assignments & final grades are generally distributed according to the following percentages:

100 - 95%	=	A	76 - 73%	=	C
94 - 90%	=	A-	72 - 70%	=	C-
89 - 87%	=	B+	69 - 67%	=	D+
86 - 83%	=	B	66 - 63%	=	D
82 - 80%	=	B-	62 - 60%	=	D-
79 - 77%	=	C+	59% or less	=	E

An average grade is a C. Each course is a new opportunity for you to demonstrate how well you have learned. Grades in other courses, schools or colleges etc. may not be

relevant to this course's final outcome. A & B grades are earned by genuine above-average performance. Final grades will be available after the end of the semester in your My SLCC account.

Any student who has questions about his/her past performance &/or final grade in this class must communicate with the instructor no later than 30 calendar days following the end of relevant semester. After the 30 calendar-day time period has passed, the student's final grade, as posted, will not be changed.

## How to Navigate to Canvas

### Online Tutoring

Students at SLCC have access to online tutoring through Canvas. From your Canvas course click Online Tutoring in the course navigation and follow the steps to set up an appointment. If this is your first time using the Online Tutoring we recommend you click "Take a Tour" to familiarize yourself with the service.

Note that students only receive 480 minutes of tutoring time each semester. After that we encourage you to use the resources found through this link:

<https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring/index.aspx>

If you have any additional questions reach out to [elarningsupport@slcc.edu](mailto:elarningsupport@slcc.edu).

### Institutional Policies

As members of our academic community, we would like to invite you to review the Institutional Syllabus which covers important policies and procedures. This document contains important links for students on the code of student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, and grading policies, Title IX and other important acknowledgements. By familiarizing yourself with this information, you can help us create a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

You can access the document by clicking on the following link:

<https://slcc.instructure.com/courses/530981/pages/institutional-syllabus>

## Learning Support and Tutoring Services

We are pleased to offer a range of tutoring and learning support services to help you achieve your academic goals. Whether you need assistance with a specific subject or want to improve your study skills, you have many options for tutoring or other support.

To learn more about the services we offer and how to access them, please visit the Institutional Syllabus under the Tutoring and Learning Support tab:

<https://slcc.instructure.com/courses/530981/pages/institutional-syllabus>. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to help you succeed in your studies. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tutoring session, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

## Advising and Counseling Support Services

At our institution, we are committed to supporting your academic and personal growth. That's why we offer a range of advising and counseling services to help you navigate the challenges of college life. To learn more about the resources available to you and how to access them, please visit the Institutional Syllabus under the Advising and Counseling Support Services tab: <https://slcc.instructure.com/courses/530981/pages/institutional-syllabus>. Our advising team and the support centers across campus are here to support you in achieving your goals and overcoming any obstacles you may face.

## Student Academic Calendar

As students you should be aware of all important dates in the semester, such as the day that courses begin and end, as well as the drop date and the last day to withdraw. To learn more about those dates, navigate to the Student Academic Calendar below:

[SLCC Student Academic Calendar](#)

## Additional Policies

### **STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS**



- Take responsibility for your own learning. To earn a respectable grade in college-level courses requires considerable & consistent effort on your part.
- All coursework is to be completed individually.
- Be aware of all deadlines. Coursework deadlines are listed on the course website & in the syllabus. Various semester dates & deadlines can be found in the SLCC Academic Calendar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the **Last Day to Drop Classes** with a 100% refund. A few days prior to this date, a Canvas Announcement will be sent to the class reminding students of this Drop deadline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the **Last Day to Withdraw** from Classes (No Refunds). A few days prior to this date, a Canvas Announcement will be sent to the class reminding students of this Withdrawal deadline. Please be aware that if you request a withdrawal after this deadline, you must have an extenuating circumstance & provide documentation.
- Contact the instructor if assignments, materials or readings require clarification.
- Your instructor will assist in your learning but the ultimate responsibility to learn lies with you the student. Your success in this course & what you learn is directly related to the effort you exert.

### **AUDITING CLASSES**

Students who wish to “sit in” on a class for a learning experience without having to participate or complete coursework may choose to audit a class. Please be aware that students who audit classes will still pay tuition but will not earn a letter grade or receive credit hours. Visit the following website for more information about auditing classes:

<https://www.slcc.edu/registrar/registration/auditing-classes.aspx>.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

