Welcome to Managerial Finance! I am looking forward to working with you throughout this semester. The course has been developed for online delivery to allow you to take the course without having to travel to campus. Although many elements of this online course are similar to what you might encounter in a face-to-face course, you as a student will need to take more responsibility for your own learning in this and other online courses, and you will need to set aside time each week to devote to the course. Online courses are not necessarily easier than face-to-face courses even though they can be more flexible with respect to when you spend the time learning the course material. I have attempted to provide all of the materials that you will need to be successful in the course. This course will begin on January 7, 2019 and continue through May 3, 2019. The last page of the syllabus provides a weekly schedule for the course, and more detailed information for each week will be available in Desire2Learn (D2L). There will be weekly assignments as well as three exams throughout the course to motivate you to keep up with the material each week.

If you have taken a course online before, you are familiar with the format of online courses as well as some of skills required to be successful in an online learning environment. If you have not yet experienced an online course, I hope that this first experience will be a productive learning opportunity for you! You will need a computer with a fairly up-to-date browser. If you have not used D2L before, you can find USD's online orientation guide on the Continuing and Distance Education (CDE) website at: http://www.usd.edu/~media/files/usd-online/online-orientation-guide.ashx?la=en. For information about the university's technical, academic, and student support services, as well as how to take advantages of these services, please refer to the Online Student Handbook in the Getting Started widget on the course home page. This document also contains important information pertaining to minimum technology requirements, registration information, as well as other university services and policies. Here is a link to the manual: http://www.usd.edu/~media/files/usd-online/online-orientation-guide.ashx?la=en.

Almost every week during the semester, there will be something due; the syllabus outlines the course specifics. Many learning tools will be provided for you in D2L; it is up to you to use the learning materials that are most effective for you. Webstreamed lectures that are similar to a face-to-face classroom lecture will be available as well as detailed notes on each chapter. Homework will be assigned for each chapter, and there will be opportunities to discuss the homework with me as well as with your fellow classmates. I also hope that you will use the Discussion Board feature in D2L to work together on practice homework assignments (not graded homework or exams!!!). Success in online learning requires that students maintain a regular weekly schedule of course work, and the course is designed around that philosophy. Online learning requires motivation, independence, and discipline. You must devote sufficient time to the course, and that time must be scheduled wisely. I would estimate that you should expect to spend 10-12 hours per week on this course, watching the webstreamed lectures, reading the text and notes, working on problems, and discussing problems with your classmates in order to be
successful. I would recommend spreading that time over several days throughout each week. It would be best if you could make time to spend working on the material in a quiet environment free from distractions. You will definitely need to do the homework and practice the problems to be a success in this course!

It is important that you understand the time expectations associated with taking this course. Some online students may find it easy to procrastinate with their studies because this is not a face-to-face course. To avoid this please be sure to log into the course at least two or three times per week and keep up with the reading, lectures, and assignments. It is expected that each student would spend 10-12 hours per week on this course. Online business courses cover the same content as face-to-face business courses, it is only the method of delivery that differs.

You can always get in touch with me through my USD e-mail address (Pavel.Jeutang@usd.edu). I will make every effort to respond to all course e-mail sent to me within 24 hours Monday-Friday and 48 hours for emails sent to me on weekends.

Additional materials will be sent to you or announced as available on D2L or via e-mail. While not the same as a traditional classroom environment, I am a firm believer that online learning has great potential. I look forward to embarking on this class adventure with you!

Here is a list of a few items that you might want to take care of as soon as possible, preferably before class begins on January 7, 2019. These items are discussed in more detail in the syllabus.

1. Required Materials
The required course materials (CONNECT) for this course will be delivered through USD’s FIRST DAY ACCESS PROGRAM. You do not need to purchase CONNECT prior to coming to class. Access will be provided to you and the cost is included in the charges for this course.

This program is offered through the USD Bookstore to ensure that students receive the best price available for their REQUIRED digital course materials. FIRST DAY ACCESS allows students to access to their eText, learning resources and assignments from the First Day of Classes and begin working on assignments immediately. These materials are required for the course and are necessary to complete the course work. To access your materials, on the first day of class, login to D2L and register for CONNECT (separate instructions are provided). When you register for CONNECT you will not be asked for payment or an access code. If you drop the course within the add drop period, you will not be charged for materials. If you would like to purchase a recommended print text, they will be available in the bookstore at a discounted price.

If for any reason you would like to Opt Out of the FIRST DAY ACCESS Program you have the option to do so. You may contact the bookstore for more information on how to do this. However, please note that the bookstore and publisher have partnered in order to offer you the best price available so if you Opt Out to purchase elsewhere, you will pay more for the materials.

2. USD E-mail Account - You need a USD e-mail account and password to access this course, and you need to check your USD e-mail daily throughout the course as I will send course information to your
USD account. If you do not have a USD e-mail account, please follow these instructions to obtain one. **Twenty-four hours after your course registration is entered into the student system at USD you are eligible for a U. username and password. Whether your username and password are ‘new’ or ‘existing,’ you can obtain your account information online. Your U. email account is the official means of communication with USD.** **You need your U. username and password to gain access to:** USD Email, D2L, Online Library Resources, Network File Space, and Personal Web Space. For your account information go to: [www.usd.edu/accounts/pickup](http://www.usd.edu/accounts/pickup). For assistance, contact Information Technology Services at 605) 677-5028 or helpdesk@usd.edu. The USD Information Technology Services Help Desk is also available to assist you with any problems that you have in accessing D2L.

3. **D2L** – You will automatically be given access to BADM 710 in D2L when the course begins on January 7, 2019. If you have never used D2L before, please go to [https://d2l.sdbor.edu](https://d2l.sdbor.edu) and click on the “I’m new to D2L” link. Follow the instructions provided to create a password. After you create a password, you can login to D2L at [https://d2l.sdbor.edu](https://d2l.sdbor.edu) using the new password.

**Introduction** – Complete your introduction on the discussion board. The purpose of the introduction is to provide the opportunity to share a bit of information about yourself with your classmates. Please include information about your current job, the undergraduate institution you attended, the part of the country or world in which you live, the subject matter you studied as an undergraduate, and maybe a bit about your family if you feel comfortable sharing that information. Your hobbies and interests, your favorite dish/meal and any other thing you would like to share. Please complete this task no later than **Sunday 01/13/2019** at 11:59pm for 5 participation points