



The University of Mississippi  
School of Business Administration  
FIN 341 – Section 02  
**RISK AND INSURANCE**

**Spring 2005**

**Class Days** Tuesday/Thursday  
**Class Hours** 1:00 – 2:15 pm  
**Class Location** Conner 111

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And by Appointment

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**Text:** Trieschmann, Hoyt, and Sommer, *Risk Management and Insurance*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition, South-Western College Publishing, 2005.

**Course Description:**

This course will introduce you to the principles of risk management and insurance. You should gain a fundamental knowledge of risk exposures, the management of pure risk, and the insurance mechanism. Another objective is to make you a more informed consumer of insurance products when you conduct both business and personal matters.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course you should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of basic risk exposures for businesses and consumers, and their impact on society.
- Understand the risk management process and be able to assess alternative methods for handling risk.
- Explain the involvement of the government in dealing with risks through social insurance and employee benefits.
- Explain and utilize risk treatment mechanisms in the property, liability, auto, life and health fields.

**Class Contract and Syllabus:**

A class contract explains both your any my duties with respect to this class. Important issues such as attendance, exam procedures, and academic honesty is discussed in this contract. So that I can be sure that you understand the policies for this course, I require you to examine the contract, then sign and return the signature page by the *beginning of class* on **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please be aware that the syllabus provides a **tentative road map** for this course. Deviations may be necessary.

**Exams:**

Bring Scantron Form #882-ES (4 1/4" X 11") and a #2 pencil. You may also bring your own pocket calculator for exams, but you may not share it with another student during the exam. Hand-held computers (Palm Pilots, etc.) are not permitted.

**Grading:**

Students are responsible for all material presented in class, assigned in the textbook, and/or posted on Blackboard.

Tests: 3 Exams @ 150 Points Each	450 Points
Class Attendance/Participation	50 Points
Insurance Planning Project	<u>100 Points</u>
TOTAL:	<u>600 Points</u>

**Extra Credit:**

I will provide opportunities for you to earn extra credit points. This comes in the form of attending the Guest Speaker Presentations to be held at our regularly scheduled class periods, as well as attending Insurance Careers Day on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Regardless of the number of opportunities, a *maximum of 20 extra credit points* may be earned per student.

**Testing :**

There will be a total of three tests (two regularly scheduled exams and a final). The format for the tests will be multiple-choice exams, 50 questions worth 3 points each. Each exam will be count as one hundred fifty (150) points toward the class total of 600 points. Each exam will be announced before it is given. Further information regarding testing procedures, make-up exams, and rebuttals concerning examination questions may be found in the class contract.

**A Special Note on Guest Speakers:**

At Ole Miss, the Insurance and Risk Management program takes great pride in attracting industry speakers to update us on current developments, including career opportunities. These speakers are giving up at least one full day of their valuable time and traveling here at their expense. The information they convey usually is as important as that I deliver, if not more so. , I have tentatively planned for two (2) guest speakers during the semester, and 5 points will be awarded for each class session you attend when a guest speaker is present. No "make-up" opportunities for earning these points will be given to students missing these sessions, regardless of the reason for your absence.

**Use of Blackboard/Communication:**

This class will utilize Blackboard as the primary mechanism to disseminate handouts and information. I will perform a batch enrollment for the class. **It is your responsibility** to know your account number and password, and make sure you can access this site. See the class contract for further information.

All e-mail will be sent to your Sunset (olemiss.edu) account. If you want to receive it on another server, such as "Yahoo", "Hotmail" or "AOL", please go to [www.bus.olemiss.edu/it](http://www.bus.olemiss.edu/it), then "student information" to learn how to forward Sunset mail to your preferred mail server.

## ***Topics Covered and Tentative Class Schedule (Subject to revision)***

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Basic Concepts in Risk Management and Insurance</b> <b>Purpose:</b> To introduce the concept of Risk and to recognize, evaluate, select, and implement the risk management process. Political, social, legal, environmental and technological issues are explained. <b>Read:</b> Chapter 01: Introduction to Risk Chapter 02: Risk Identification and Evaluation Chapter 05: Risk Management Techniques: Non-insurance Methods Chapter 06: Insurance as a RM Technique: Principles Chapter 22: Risk Management and the Insurance Industry Chapter 24: Government Regulation of RM and Insurance

**EXAM 1: Tentative Date – Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

<b>2</b>	<b>Insurance Contracts and Property/Liability and Personal Risks</b> <b>Read:</b> Chapter 07: The Insurance Policy Chapter 08: Selecting & Implementing Risk Management Techniques Chapter 03: Property and Liability Loss Exposures Chapter 13: RM for Auto Owners – Part I Chapter 14: RM for Auto Owners – Part II Chapter 15: RM for Homeowners Earthquake Unit
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**EXAM 2: Tentative Date – Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**PROJECT DUE: Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> – No Class Otherwise**

<b>3</b>	<b>Life and Health Risks</b> <b>Read:</b> Chapter 04: Life, Health, and Loss of Income Exposures Chapter 16: Loss of Life Chapter 17: Loss of Health Chapter 19: Employee Benefits: Life and Health Benefits Chapter 20: Employee Benefits: Retirement Plans
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**FINAL EXAM: Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**  
**Or as Listed Under the University Final Exam Schedule**