

FINANCE (FIN)

FIN 3715 Planning Your Financial Future 3 s.h.

An introductory course to personal finance planning. Emphasis on establishing financial goals and monitoring progress toward reaching those goals to improve the individual's quality of life. Topics include financial planning process, budgeting, credit, financing strategies, education planning, tax planning, etc.. Open to business and non-business majors.

FIN 3720 Business Finance 3 s.h.

This course focuses on the financial problems associated with the life cycle of a business. Topics include business organizations, financial statement analysis, the time value of money, asset valuation, risk and returns, the cost of capital, capital budgeting, project analysis, dividend policies and investment decisions. The purpose of this course is to provide the basic financial knowledge necessary to enable students to become valuable employees in corporate, governmental, entrepreneurial or non-profit settings.

Prereq.: ACCT 2603 (C or better), MATH 1552 (C or better) OR MATH 1570 (C or better) OR MATH 1571 (C or better) OR MATH 2623 (C or better), 2.5 GPA.

FIN 3725 Real Estate Investment 3 s.h.

Topics include real property ownership, real estate markets, valuation methods, financing methods and management of real estate investments.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 3726 Insurance Planning 3 s.h.

Risk Management. Introduces students to risk management and insurance decisions in personal and business financial planning. Topics include insurance for life, health, disability, property and liability risks as well as annuities, group insurance, long-term care insurance and social security.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 3730 Investment Planning 3 s.h.

Introduces topics of investment planning, vehicles, analysis and strategies required in the financial planning process. Discussions are within the context of risk and return, asset valuation, various financial instruments, financial mathematics, asset pricing models and portfolio management. The aim of the course is for students to gain the knowledge to evaluate alternative investment choices in the context of client's financial planning needs.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4833 Retirement Plans & Employee Benefits 3 s.h.

Retirement Plans Emp Benefits. Provides students with retirement and employee benefits topics required for a financial planning career discussed within the context of time value of money, inflation, and taxation. Specifically, insurance (life, disability and medical) issues, ESOPs and deferred compensation plans, private and public retirement plans and distribution rules are reviewed in-depth.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4835 Advanced Business Finance 3 s.h.

This course explores a solid foundational knowledge, tools and strategies used in modern corporate financial management. In today's competitive business environment, companies must find innovative ways to achieve rapid and sustainable growth. Through the use of real-world examples, this course will equip students with critical knowledge and skills in areas of corporate investment and financing decisions, funds allocation, capital structure and corporate strategies to make smart business decisions and formulate strategies to maximize company value.

Prereq.: FIN 3720 (C or better), 2.5 GPA.

FIN 4836 Financial Markets 3 s.h.

An examination of global financial markets, institutions, and instruments with emphasis on factors influencing how firms and individuals make financing and investing decisions. Advanced coverage of fixed-income instruments.

Prereq.: FIN 3720 (C or better), 2.5 GPA.

FIN 4838 Financial Plan Development 4 s.h.

Prepares students with financial planning knowledge, skills and ability to integrate, apply and communicate to their clients. Planning recommendations are demonstrated through real-life case studies. The focus of this capstone course is on the fundamental planning practices, professional skills and integration of concepts and knowledge.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3726, FIN 4833, and ACCT 4815; 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4839 International Accounting and Finance 3 s.h.

Cross-functional introduction to multinational enterprises and multinational financial management with emphasis on foreign currency risk management; measuring and managing accounting and economic exposure; foreign trade and investment analysis; various topics in international accounting and finance.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4841 Seminar in Investments and Security Markets 3 s.h.

An examination of the literature on efficient capital markets with implications for security selection and portfolio management.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4845 Business Valuation 3 s.h.

Study of business valuation techniques currently used in valuing publicly traded and private equity to include: cash flows, forecasting, estimating cost of capital for public and private companies, valuation of stand-alone companies and business units from perspective of acquirer and seller.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4850 Finance Internship 3 s.h.

The student is given the opportunity to relate theory to practice in a career related on-site field experience with a participating organization.

Prereq.: junior standing, 2.5 overall GPA, and Special Approval of Director or Special Approval of Director.

FIN 4851 Finance Internship 2 3 s.h.

Students have the opportunity to relate theory to practice in a career related on-site field experience with a participating organization. Finance Internship 2 may be done at a different or the same organization as FIN 4850; if the same organization, higher levels of duties and performance are expected.

Prereq.: FIN 4850 (B or better), 2.5 overall GPA, and special approval.

FIN 4853 Financial Analysis 3 s.h.

This course is designed to address the increasing demand for students to think about financial statement analysis from a practical and global financial perspective. Topics include financial reporting standards and quality, interpretation and analysis of financial statements and information, various financial analysis techniques and practical applications.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 4860 Special Topics in Finance 1-4 s.h.

Subject matter, credit hours, and prerequisites will be announced in advance of each topic. 2.5 overall GPA.

Prereq.: Permission of director.

FIN 6923 Corporate Financial Management 3 s.h.

Participants will gain an understanding of financial analysis techniques that are used when evaluating businesses, projects, budgets and other related decisions. Participants will develop a set of analytical tools for conducting historical analysis (analysis of the income statement, cash flow statement, balance sheet, interpretation of various financial ratios) as well tools associated with capital budgeting, capital structure and cost of acquiring capital.

Prereq.: Graduate Standing.

FIN 6924 Securities Analysis 3 s.h.

The major emphasis will be an in-depth, fundamental analysis of the investment merits of the common stock of a firm. This study will be accomplished by applying the appropriate analytical principles and valuation techniques to the firm's financial statements. A research paper will be required.

Prereq.: FIN 6923.

FIN 6939 Multinational Accounting and Finance 3 s.h.

A cross-functional examination of selected topics in international accounting and finance with emphasis on developing research and problem-solving skills. Cases will be presented that teach the strategy and tactics of multinational corporate reporting and financial management.

Prereq.: FIN 6923.

FIN 6945 Business Valuation 3 s.h.

A study of business valuation techniques currently used in valuing publicly traded and private equity.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 or FIN 6900.

FIN 6953 Advanced Financial Analysis 3 s.h.

Applications of financial analysis to business consulting. Includes case studies and practical implementation strategies.

Prereq.: FIN 6923.

FIN 6968 Special Topics in Finance 1-3 s.h.

Topics may vary from semester to semester and will be announced with prerequisites and hours. May be repeated.

FIN 6996 Research Problems 1-4 s.h.

Special research project under the supervision of a graduate faculty member. Credit will be determined in each case in light of the nature and extent of the project.

Prereq.: Fifteen hours of level II MBA coursework or permission of MBA director.