

FINANCE (FIN)

FIN 2600 Finance Field Experience 1 s.h.

Internship and/or cooperative education experiences in finance. Students may be assigned to corporate, non-profit, or government entities on a semester basis. Can repeat this course once for a different field experience.

Prereq.: 2.5 GPA, department approval, and sophomore standing.

FIN 2615 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. Serves as the first course for students who are interested in the finance field.

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Prereq.: ENGL 1550 grade of "C" or better and MATH Level 20 or higher or ACT Math Score of 18 or higher or SAT Math Score 480 or higher and Junior standing and 2.5 overall GPA.

FIN 3720 Business Finance 3 s.h.

Study of the financial problems associated with the life cycle of business. Analysis of problems relating to estimating the financial needs of an enterprise and to evaluating the alternative means of providing temporary and permanent capital. Relationship of current financial decision with financial policy is analyzed from the viewpoint of management and the investor. 2.5 overall GPA.

Prereq.: "C" or better in ACCT 2603 and ACCT 2603L.

FIN 3721 Personal Financial Management 4 s.h.

An integration of the comprehensive financial planning process into the individual's financial life cycle. Includes accumulation, preservation, and distribution of financial assets. Topics include financial planning basics and risk management, investment selection, retirement planning and employee benefits, tax considerations, estate and trust basics. Junior standing and 2.5 overall GPA.

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

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

FIN 3726 Insurance Planning 3 s.h.

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 2615 or FIN 3715 and FIN 3720.

FIN 3730 Investment Planning 4 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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

FIN 4833 Retirement Plans & Employee Benefits 4 s.h.

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

FIN 4835 Advanced Business Finance 4 s.h.

In-depth examination of the techniques and analyses employed in the financial management process. Advanced study of working capital management, capital budgeting, and long- and short-term financing choices. Integrated decision making tools such as the options framework as well as economic value added. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

FIN 4836 Financial Markets 4 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 primary market financing, investment banking, stock and index options, financial futures. 2.5 overall GPA.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3720 and FIN 3730.

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

Prereq.: "C" or better in FIN 3726, FIN 4833 and ACCT 4815.

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

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. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

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.: Finance major, junior standing, 2.75 Finance GPA, 2.5 overall GPA and 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. 2.5 overall GPA, and approval of director.

Prereq.: grade of "B" or better in FIN 4850.

FIN 4853 Financial Analysis 4 s.h.

Theory and practice of financial analysis. Analysis and interpretation of financial information with emphasis on practical applications. Projected financial statements, budgeting, valuation and computer modeling of current financial problems. 2.5 overall GPA.

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

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 6900 Financial Accounting and Finance for Decision Making 4 s.h.

A survey of the fundamental concepts of financial accounting employed by general managers. Additionally, a survey of the concepts, principles, and practices of financial management used by general managers and the links between the two types of information. Permit required.

FIN 6902 Financial Accounting and Finance for Decision Making 1-2 s.h.

Participants be able to utilize foundational concepts of accounting and finance so they are able to use financial statements to determine the condition of a business. Further, participants will learn how to utilize key financial ratios, which capture key elements of a firm's performance, to be better positioned to make more informed decisions.

Prereq.: Graduate standing.

FIN 6910 Business Internship 1-3 s.h.

Provides graduate students the opportunity to relate theory to practice through on-the-job work experience with a participating organization. The internship will serve as an elective MBA course.

Prereq.: Completion of level I MBA coursework and six semester hours of level II MBA coursework.

FIN 6912 Financial Statement Analysis 2 s.h.

This course provides an understanding of financial analysis with emphasis upon decision making. Annual reports and mini-cases involving real companies are used to illustrate important concepts and financial analysis techniques. Major topics include the analysis of the income statement, cash flow statement, balance sheet, and detailed examination of various financial ratios and their significance.

Prereq.: Graduate standing and FIN 6902.

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 6970 Seminar in Finance 3 s.h.

Specific topics selected by the staff from timely and controversial work published in the field.

Prereq.: All core courses, plus at least six hours (6900-level) in the finance concentration, or permission of instructor.

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.