

2015-2016 Finance Course Descriptions

FIN 125 Personal Financial Planning. This course will provide a hands-on approach, keyed to the concepts students need to build their own financial plans. The course will provide an introduction to tools used for financial planning, managing liquidity, personal financing, protecting wealth and personal investing strategies. 2 Semester Hours (typically offered each semester.)

FIN 225 Retirement and Estate Planning. This course will provide an overview of retirement needs analysis, retirement options, regulatory considerations, distribution rules and estate planning strategies. Prerequisite: FIN 125. 4 Semester Hours (typically offered spring semester.)

FIN 310 Introduction to Finance. This course is intended to expose students to the breadth of Finance and to provide an understanding of the interrelationships among the three areas of finance: financial management, financial markets, and investments; and introduce students to key tools used by financial managers and investors in analysis and decision making. It will make students aware of career opportunities in Finance and acquaint them with the vocabulary of Finance. Note: A student who successfully completes FIN 320 may not subsequently earn credit for FIN 310; however, if credit is first earned in FIN 310, the student may subsequently take and receive credit for FIN 320. Prerequisites: ECN 105 or ECN 201 and ACC 205. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 320 Corporate Finance I. Principles and problems in financial management of corporations: Goals and Functions of Financial Management, Financial Analysis and Planning, Time Value of Money, Valuation and Rates Of Return, Ratio Analysis, Financial Forecasting, Operating and Financial Leverage; Capital Budgeting and Risk in Capital Budgeting, Capital Rationing, and Replacement Analysis. Note: A student who successfully completes FIN 320 may not subsequently earn credit for FIN 310; however, if credit is first earned in FIN 310 the student may subsequently take and receive credit for FIN 320. Prerequisites: MGT 200 and ECN 105 or ECN 201, and ACC 205 or ACC 206 or with permission of the instructor. Typically offered each semester. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 321 Corporate Finance II. A continuation of FI 320 Including such topics as : Working Capital Management, Cost Of Capital, Capital Markets, Investment Banking, Long-term Debt and Lease Financing; Common and Preferred Stock Financing, Convertibles, Warrants and Derivatives, External growth through mergers and International financial management. Typically offered each spring semester. Prerequisite: FIN 320. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 325 Insurance and Risk Management. Addresses concepts of risk, identifying and analyzing loss exposures and techniques for treating loss exposures. Fundamental legal principles related to insurance contracts and the basis of legal liability are covered as well as commercial property, liability and crime insurance. Various personal insurance programs will be reviewed as time permits including life, health, auto, homeowners, employer group plans and social insurance. Prerequisite: MTH 123. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 398 Multinational Finance. Provides students with an awareness of the applicability and limitations of business finance theories and practices when applied to the financial management of international business. Such topics as International Financial Markets, Currency and Eurocurrency derivatives, Currency Parity Conditions , Measurement and Management of Currency Risk exposure , International Capital Budgeting, International Alliances and Acquisitions, International trade and Taxation, and International Portfolio Investments. Prerequisites: ECN 201 or ECN 105 and FIN 310 or FIN 320. Typically offered fall semester of odd-numbered years. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 399 Special Topics in Finance. See All-University 399 course description .

FIN 455 Investment Principles. This course is designed to enable students to distinguish between various types of investment securities and to acquaint the student with recognized safety tests. A part of the course will be devoted to the analysis and valuation of Equity Securities, Issues in efficient markets, Fixed Income and Leveraged securities, Derivative products, Mutual funds – (types, performance analysis, fees and expense), Portfolio Management, and Investment Ethics. This course has been designated as the Senior Culminating Experience for individuals majoring in finance and will require an extensive research project in finance involving a top down approach to investment analysis. The analysis will involve the integration of macroeconomic analysis, industry evaluation, and fundamental as well as technical company and competitor analysis to evaluate the timing and investment potential surrounding the equity of a particular company. Prerequisites: FIN 320 and at least junior standing. Typically offered each fall semester. 2 Semester Hours.

FIN 456 Comprehensive Securities Analysis. This is the capstone course for the Finance major; it involves a comprehensive analysis and valuation of a chosen company. Prerequisite: FIN 310 or FIN 320. 2 Semester Hours.

FIN 457 Personal/Family Financial Planning. This course will engage students in critical thinking and decision-making about personal financial management topics on the context of the financial planning process. They will learn and apply the process in order to analyze and make recommendations for a client in each of the financial planning topic areas of household accounting, taxes, investments, risk management, retirement planning, and estate planning. It will be required to synthesize a plan of action based on the full picture of a client's financial situation. They will demonstrate the ability to make appropriate product suggestions, communicate effectively with the client, and present the information at an appropriate level and prioritize goals and determine the feasibility of achieving these goals. Prerequisites: FIN 125, FIN 225, FIN 320, FIN 325, FIN 455, BUS 250 and . 2 Semester Hours.

FIN 460 Financial Institutions. A review of the structure of financial institutions in the American Economy. Topics include interest rates: risk and term structure, security valuation, money markets, bond markets, mortgage markets, foreign exchange and duration. Particular attention is given to the asset and liability management of commercial banks, thrifts, pension and investment funds, mutual and hedge funds, credit unions and finance companies. Prerequisites: FIN 320 and ECN 201. 4 Semester Hours.

FIN 473 Seminar in Derivatives. Designed for advanced undergraduate students in accounting and finance. It will build on the concepts introduced in FIN 320 and explore how to use the derivative markets for managing risks in commodity and financial markets. It will concentrate on forward and future contracts, options markets, interest rate and forward exchange derivative contracts and advanced topics in pricing derivative securities. Hedging, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk management techniques will be discussed. Prerequisite: FIN 320 and at least junior standing. Typically offered each spring semester. 2 Semester Hour.

FIN 494 Honors Thesis/Project. See All-University 494 course description.

FIN 499 Internship in Finance. An experience based course in which students are enrolled once they have secured a position in an appropriate business or agency where previous classroom learning may be integrated with work in their major discipline. The exact location, program and method of education are provided in a contract drawn between the student, the department faculty internship coordinator and the host internship supervisor. Specific restrictions apply. Departmental approval is required prior to registration for this course. 1-16 Semester Hours.