Lower Division

FIN 100 Managing Your Personal Finances (5)
This course provides an examination of the financial situations students confront during their college years and thereafter. The emphasis is on applying relatively simple concepts to managing one’s own financial resources. Topics include: budgeting, banking services, credit card use, consumer loans, insurance concepts, and savings plans.

Upper Division

FIN 300 Financial Management (5)
Financial management deals with the theory and practice of financing the business firm under uncertainty. This course covers financial markets, risk valuation, financial analysis and forecasting, capital budgeting, working capital management, and capital structure. This course also includes statistical and financial analysis of problem sets, as well as computer applications with an emphasis on spreadsheets.

FIN 322 Introduction to Personal Financial Planning (5)
This course introduces students to personal financial planning. Topics in financial planning include the financial planning process, client interaction, time value of money applications, personal financial statements, cash flow and debt management, asset acquisition, education planning, overview of investment planning and retirement planning, plan integration, ethics, and business aspects of financial planning.

FIN 326 Investment Management (5)
This course involves the analysis of various types of securities, security markets, investment strategies, and methods of evaluating portfolio performance. It also includes assessing the overall quality of portfolio management in the context of the financial plan. Case analysis and student investment presentations are required. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 340 Principles of Insurance (5)
This course covers the principles of life, casualty, and liability insurance. It also covers individual and group insurance programs, as well as methods of establishing risks and rates of return. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 360 Entrepreneurial and Small Business Finance (5)
This course covers financial issues, problems and situations frequently encountered in small businesses. The course will address analytical techniques appropriate for small business situations including working capital management, financing alternatives, financial distress, and valuing the business. In addition, it will address issues of financial strategy for small business. Students will develop problem solving skills by analyzing weekly case study assignments. Assignments will include empirical articles dealing with current topics in small business finance. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 380 Introduction to Real Estate (5)
This course introduces students to real estate principles, practices, and investment decisions. It covers equity investment, finance, legal aspects, practices, principles, property development, real estate administration in the public sector, real estate market analysis, and valuation. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 400 Advanced Financial Management (5)
This course provides students with the opportunity both to recognize and to test the relevance of modern financial concepts in the context of real managerial decisions in the private sector, including ethical problems facing financial managers. A case method utilizing statistical and financial analysis techniques and computer applications will be used to show real world applications. Student presentations are required. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 460 Financial Institutions Management (5)
This course gives students a broad introduction to the operation, structure and regulatory environment of the U.S. financial system. Special attention will be given to the theories of interest rate determination, financial risk management, and asset/liability management in depository and non-depository institutions. The course also investigates e-Business and changes in commercial banking, non-bank financial institutions and financial markets. Computer models and cases are used to show real world applications. Student presentations are required. Cross listed with ECON 460. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 477 Special Topics in Finance (1-5)
Special topics course in Finance provides students with the opportunity to take an in-depth study of an area not covered in regular courses. When offered, prerequisites and course requirements will be announced for each course. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 490 International Business Finance (5)
This course investigates the problems facing financial managers in international operations. Topics include: foreign exchange, the international monetary system, managing exchange rate risk exposure, capital budgeting, international banking, and import/export financing. Financial analysis using spreadsheets as well as student presentations may be required. Prerequisite: FIN 300.

FIN 496 Internship in Finance (1-5)
This course provides an integrated academic experience in a work setting. Units may not be used to satisfy the requirements of the Business Administration major. Students may earn a maximum of 5 units through internships. It is offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisite: FIN 300 and one additional upper division Finance course or permission of the Department Chair.
INST 420 Electronic Legal Research Methods (2)
An introduction to research using electronic resources such as Lexis/Nexis and the Internet. Emphasis will be placed upon effective search strategy development, mastery of search tools, identification of potential resources, and retrieval of pertinent sources. Course will include legal research using Lexis/Nexis. Student will develop familiarity and skills related to search strategy development, search software, Internet navigation, research sites, and other related skills.

Graduate Courses

FIN 600 Seminar in Financial Management and Policy (4)
This course addresses the formulation of financial policies for obtaining and using financial resources for the purpose of value creation. Heavy emphasis is placed on the analysis of real-world cases that focus on the decisions confronting the financial manager. Statistical analysis, financial analysis, and advanced spreadsheet applications are required. Students will be challenged with both theoretical and practical problems in the following areas: performance analysis, long-term planning, working capital management, capital budgeting, long-term financing, acquisitions, and international financial management. Student presentations are required.

FIN 620 Seminar in Investments (4)
This course includes discussion and analysis of security investments. Emphasis directed toward understanding financial investment theories and concepts from both a qualitative and quantitative perspective. Topics include: securities markets, risk and return, portfolio theory, asset pricing theory, valuation, fundamental analysis, and portfolio management. Case analysis, statistical analysis, and other computer applications are required.

FIN 640 Short Term Financial Management (4)
This is an in-depth exploration of subjects essential to an enterprise’s financial success. Topics covered include management of the firm’s working capital accounts (i.e. receivables, inventories, and payables), short term financing alternatives, cash management systems, short term investments choices, financial institution relationships, and electronic payment and information management systems.

FIN 677 Selected Topics in Finance (1-4)
Special topic courses provide each department with the opportunity to present an in-depth study of a selected subject not covered in regular courses. When offered, prerequisites and course requirements will be announced for each course.

FIN 680 Seminar in Real Estate Investments (4)
This course investigates methods of analyzing real estate investments. It includes an examination of appraisal methods, capitalization approaches, and cash flow models. Consideration is also given to legal, tax, and financing issues. Specific project analysis techniques are part of the course, i.e., analysis of residential properties, commercial properties and shopping centers. A term project and oral presentation are required along with computer applications.

FIN 685 Seminar in International Financial Management (4)
This course looks at the international financial environment, including balance of payments, the international monetary system, foreign exchange and financial markets. Specific topics include managing foreign exchange exposure, domestic versus foreign financing, cash management, political risk, and international legal constraints. A term project and oral presentation will be a part of the course.

FIN 699 Individual Graduate Study in Finance (1-4)
Individual study is offered to give the student experience in planning and outlining a course of study on the student’s own initiative under departmental supervision. Independent study should deal with a special interest not covered in a regular course or with the exploration in greater depth of a subject presented in a regular course. Instructor consent is required. No more than 5 quarter units may be used to satisfy degree requirements. (May not be substituted for any required graduate seminar).