Finance

Courses

FINANCE 1590 Personal Finance for Nonbusiness Majors: 3 semester hours
For future professionals who want to learn more about personal finance and how to better manage their resources. The topics include purchasing/leasing cars, home acquisitions, investing in stocks and bonds, mutual funds, retirement planning and health and life insurance. Special emphasis will be on the nontechnical aspects of these issues. Cannot be used for credit in BSBA program.

FINANCE 3500 Financial Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ECON 1002, MATH 1105, ACCTNG 2400, INF SYS 2800, and a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. The study of a firm's need for funds; the institutions, instruments and markets concerned with raising funds; and the techniques of analysis used to determine how effectively these funds, once raised, are invested within the firm.

FINANCE 3501 Financial Policies: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 overall GPA. The intensification and application of the concepts developed in FINANCE 3500. Special emphasis is given to the development of top management policies and their application toward complex problems of finance. Techniques for identifying and dealing with these problems before they become acute will be investigated. Cases will be integrated with appropriate outside reading.

FINANCE 3502 Treasury Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 campus GPA. The focus of this course is on the role cash management plays in corporate finance. Topics include cash collection and payment systems, forecasting cash flows, electronic fund transfers, check processing, international cash management and managing bank relationships. Students passing the course with a grade of A or B are permitted to take the qualifying exam to become a Certified Cash Manager (CCM) under a special arrangement with the Treasury Management Association. Along with other finance courses, this class prepares students for careers in the Treasury Departments of major companies or with service providers like banks.

FINANCE 3503 Computer Applications in Finance: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: INF SYS 1800. FINANCE 3500, one 3000-level finance course and a 2.0 overall GPA. Financial problem solving and applications on the micro-computer. A project oriented course with an emphasis on micro based finance projects: Present value/IRR analysis, duration, immunization, portfolio optimization, leasing, capital budgeting, financial forecasting, options and futures.

FINANCE 3520 Investments: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 overall GPA. Financial analysis of debt and equity instruments available on organized exchanges and in less tangible "over the counter" markets. Techniques of such analysis being presented in context with economic and management circumstances within the company, industry and economy.

FINANCE 3521 Financial Engineering: Applying Derivatives: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500. Students engage in a comprehensive investigation of advanced risk management techniques. Futures, forwards, options and synthetic securities are explored to determine their effectiveness in generating the desired risk exposure. A comprehensive study of speculative market conditions and characteristics are assessed in conjunction with a variety of financial innovations. Valuation techniques and hedging theories are combined with mathematical models to determine their effectiveness in practical situations. Special topics are introduced as market conditions dictate. It is recommended that students take Investments (FINANCE 3520) prior to enrolling in FINANCE 3521.

FINANCE 3522 Fixed Income Analysis: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 3500. This course explores key issues in fixed income securities. The topics include pricing of bonds, measuring bond yields, bond price volatility, factors affecting yields and the term structure of interest rates, treasury securities, corporate debt instruments, residential mortgage loans, collateralized mortgage/debt obligation, and analysis of bonds with embedded options. The course prepares students for the CFA exams of Level 1 in the area of fixed income analysis.

FINANCE 3523 Fixed Income Analysis: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 campus GPA. Students will apply their knowledge of stocks and bonds by managing a real dollar portfolio of securities. This course requires that students perform technical and fundamental analysis, prepare research reports, present proposals and participate in group investment decisions. The University's Student Investment Trust provides the money for students to invest. Course may be repeated for credit up to a maximum of 3 credit hours.

FINANCE 3541 Commercial Bank Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 overall GPA. The course surveys financial institutions and financial markets and addresses the interplay between institutions and markets. State and federal regulation of institutions and markets is explored. A portion of the course addresses current events, managerial policy issues, and regulatory issues in financial services and markets. Focus is primarily U.S. institutions and markets, but the evolving impact of globalization and importance of the Foreign Exchange Market on U. S. financial institutions are developed.

FINANCE 3542 Principles of Real Estate: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ECON 1002, FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 overall GPA. Corporate finance and microeconomics are applied to matters of importance to commercial bankers. Among the subjects treated are bank-asset portfolio construction, lending policies, liabilities management, bank capital structure, short-run cash management, financial market rates and flows, and quantitative models for bank management. Commercial bank management is analyzed from an internal viewpoint in terms of what bank managers should look for in asset management and why; what market conditions they should be aware of; and what techniques they can use to meet changing economic and financial conditions.
FINANCE 3560 Practice of Personal Financial Planning: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: A minimum campus GPA of 2.0; FINANCE 3500 or consent of instructor and Area Coordinator. Professional financial planning requires broad knowledge of investments, insurance, income taxation, retirement planning, and estate planning, as well as certification requirements and legal/ethical issues. This course introduces students to the field of financial planning, and provides an integrated overview of the topics listed above. Students interested in the Financial Planning track are encouraged to complete this course prior to taking other courses in the track.

FINANCE 3561 Principles of Insurance: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 campus GPA. This is a survey course intended to introduce students to the basic concepts of insurance. Topics include the nature of risks, types of insurance carriers and markets, insurance contracts and policies, property and casualty coverages, life and health insurance, and government regulations. The functions of underwriting, setting premiums, risk analysis, loss prevention, and financial administration of carriers are emphasized.

FINANCE 3562 Life Insurance and Employee Benefits: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500 or equivalent and a minimum campus GPA of 2.0. This course explores the life insurance business from the perspective of both the consumer and provider. Coverage will include an analysis of the various types of life insurance products, aspects of life insurance evaluation, reinsurance, underwriting, and uses of life insurance in financial planning. Also included is an examination of the tax, legal, and ethical requirements.

FINANCE 3563 Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: A minimum campus GPA of 2.0; FINANCE 3500 or consent of instructor and Area Coordinator. The course is designed to give students an understanding of the retirement planning process. Students will gain an appreciation of the usefulness (and shortcomings) of employee benefits and develop an ability to counsel others on important retirement and employee benefit decisions. Corporate pension and profit sharing plans, self-employed Keough plans, IRA's, annuities, health insurance, and social security will be discussed.

FINANCE 3564 Estate Planning and Trusts: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: A minimum campus GPA of 2.0; FINANCE 3500 or consent of instructor and Area Coordinator. This course will focus on the responsibility of a financial planner in the formulation and implementation of an estate plan. Topics include wills, lifetime transfers, trusts, gifts, estate reduction techniques, tax implications in estate planning, business and inter-family transfers, dealing with incompetency, postmortem techniques, and the role of fiduciaries. Lectures, cases, and guest speakers will be used to stimulate analysis and discussion.

FINANCE 3565 Seminar in Financial Planning: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ACCTNG 3441, FINANCE 3520, FINANCE 3560, FINANCE 3561, FINANCE 3563, and FINANCE 3564; a minimum campus GPA of 2.0; or permission of instructor. This course serves as the capstone in the registered Financial Planning curriculum. Students will prepare and present comprehensive, professional-level personal financial plans. This course is required by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards for those who wish to sit for the Certified Financial Planner examination.

FINANCE 3566 Seminar in Financial Planning: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Same as INTL BUS 3580. Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500 and a 2.0 campus GPA. This course explores corporate finance in the context of a global environment. Financial managers for an international firm must deal with all the normal problems faced by domestic corporations plus additional foreign exchange and political risks. Class discussions will focus on applying financial techniques to decision making in foreign operations. Students are required to work in a group to undertake a project related to international finance.

FINANCE 3567 International Investments: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 3500. This course explores the concepts of investing and hedging risk management, portfolio diversification, currency risk, asset pricing, and alternative portfolio strategies. Techniques for using derivatives are discussed in the context of hedging exchange rate risk. Reading foreign exchange quotes and understanding the functioning of global markets is central to the course. A prior course in investments is recommended but not required.

FINANCE 3568 International Corporate Finance: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: A minimum campus GPA of 2.0; one must have completed and/or be currently enrolled in at least 6 credit hours of finance electives and have consent of supervising instructor and Area Coordinator. A Business College GPA of at least 2.5 is also required. Students are employed in the field of finance where they apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Professional development and obtaining specialized work experience in a Track area are the primary goals. The student's program will be monitored by a finance faculty member with the student providing a formal written report at the end of the project. FINANCE 3560 may not be counted toward the minimum 15 credit hours of finance electives for a finance emphasis.

FINANCE 3569 Individual Research in Finance: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisite: To be determined each time the course is offered and to include a minimum 2.0 overall GPA. Study of selected special problems in business and administration. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

FINANCE 3570 Seminar in Finance: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: To be determined each time the course is offered and to include a minimum 2.0 overall GPA. This course is a selected special topic in the field of finance. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

FINANCE 3571 Independent Study in Finance: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Minimum campus GPA of 2.0 and approval by the supervising professor and the Area Coordinator. Special individual study in finance under the supervision of a full-time finance faculty member.

FINANCE 3572 Individual Research in Finance: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and graduate director. Special individual research topics in Finance under the guidance of a specific professor.

FINANCE 3573 Financial Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ACCTNG 5400 or ACCTNG 2400, SCMA 5300 or SCMA 3300, and BUS AD 5000 or ECON 1001 and ECON 1002. This course provides an in-depth analysis of corporate finance including asset pricing, risk and return, short- and long-term investment decisions, capital structure choices, dividend policy, derivatives, mergers and acquisitions, and a host of other current topics. The material is taught through lectures and problem solving.
FINANCE 6501 Advanced Financial Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 6500 and SCMA 5300. Exposure to recent financial management theory through selected readings. Financial management problems are considered by the use of cases and simulation models. An original research project under the supervision of instructor is required.

FINANCE 6520 Security Analysis: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 6500 and SCMA 5300. An in-depth study of techniques used in evaluating various financial assets as investment opportunities. Financial assets studied include common stock, preferred stock, and fixed income securities. Other related topics such as sources of investment information and current market trends are discussed.

FINANCE 6521 Financial Forensics: The Science of Derivatives: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: FINANCE 6500. Students engage in a comprehensive investigation of advanced risk management techniques. Futures, forwards, options and synthetic securities are explored to determine their effectiveness in generating the desired risk exposure. A comprehensive study of speculative market conditions and characteristics are assessed in conjunction with a variety of financial innovations. Valuation techniques and hedging theories are combined to determine their effectiveness in practical situations. Special topics are introduced as market conditions dictate. It is recommended that students take Investments (FINANCE 6520) prior to enrolling in FINANCE 6521.

FINANCE 6540 Financial Institutions and Financial Markets: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Graduate Status and FINANCE 6500. By lecture and casework, the course surveys markets (Money Market, Capital Markets, Foreign Exchange) and various forms of financial institutions. Historical and evolving business models of financial institutions are explored in the context of regulation, economics, and competition. Interplay between institutions and markets is addressed. Structure and purpose of regulation is examined. A portion of the course involves current events and managerial policy issues in financial services. A major U.S. financial institution is selected and case analyzed by the class. Focus is U.S. institutions and markets, but impact of globalization is discussed.

FINANCE 6541 Commercial Bank Management: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 6500. This course explores the various bank management techniques required to manage a modern commercial bank in a rapidly changing environment. Topics include asset and liability management, capital adequacy, bank holding companies, profitability, and bank market structure and regulation.

FINANCE 6542 Real Estate: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: FINANCE 6500 This course provides a broad introduction to real estate with a focus on legal issues, market analysis, valuation, financing, leasing and investment decisions. Classes are conducted in a in a standard lecture format with discussion on current topics. No prior knowledge of the industry is required.

FINANCE 6580 International Financial Management: 3 semester hours
Same as INTL BUS 6581. Prerequisite: FINANCE 6500. The objective of this course is to introduce students to financial issues for multinational firms. Besides covering basic tools and techniques, the class stresses the role of the financial manager in analysis and decision-making. Topics include the impact of international accounting and tax issues, capital budgeting in a foreign environment, transfer pricing, and global funding. Conceptual skills for lifelong learning experiences are emphasized. This course employs a lecture and case format with group discussions.