

FINANCE (FIN)

Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

FIN 620 - Topics in Finance I

Credits: 2-4

Special topics, vary by semester.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 650 - Wildcat Investment Fund

Credits: 2

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 701 - Financial Policy

Credits: 4

Development of analytical tools and practical skills for recognizing and solving complex problems of business finance. Working-capital management, capital budgeting, cost of capital, capital structure, and dividend policy. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 701

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 702 - Investments Analysis

Credits: 4

Security valuation, efficient markets, portfolio management, options, and alternative investments. Computer research topics. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 702

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 703 - International Financial Management

Credits: 4

Financial Management problems facing multinational firms. Primary focus on effects of currency denominations on financial decisions. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 703

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 704 - Derivatives Securities and Markets

Credits: 4

Derivative assets and markets, and their role in business decision-making and portfolio management. Emphasis on practical and theoretical aspects of hedging and speculating using futures and options for both commodities and financial assets, including their market mechanics. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 704

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 705 - Financial Institutions

Credits: 4

Examination of financial institutions and markets. Emphasis on how institutions create value, the regulatory environment under which they operate, and the role of risk management. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

Equivalent(s): ACFI 705

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 706 - Financial Modeling and Analytics

Credits: 4

The main objective of the course is to bridge the gap between theory and practice by using software applications and real-world data to solve a variety of financial problems. The course is very 'hands-on' and is expected to help students develop skills that are useful in a variety of jobs in finance, accounting, insurance, and real estate. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 706

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 707 - Equity Analysis and Firm Valuation

Credits: 4

This course is intended to provide practical tools for analyzing and valuing a company's equity. Primarily an applications course, it covers several valuation models such as market multiples and free cash flow models, and focuses on the implementation of finance theories to valuation problems. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 707

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 708 - Real Estate Finance

Credits: 4

This course provides an introduction to residential and commercial real estate. Topics include market analysis, cash flows, debt and equity financing, valuation, and real estate investment trusts. Case studies, projects, and real world applications of the concepts learned are significant components of the course. Prereq: ADMN 570 or HMGT 655.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 708

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 709 - Mortgage Banking and Fixed Income Securities

Credits: 4

This course focuses on bonds and the bond market. While the cash flows of bonds are specified, their valuation is particularly challenging given interest rate movements, embedded optionality, and credit risk. As part of an examination of structured products, the course will examine the process of creating, valuing, and trading mortgages. Further, the course demonstrates the skills needed to manage fixed income portfolios in light of both client specific objectives and the market environment. Prereq: ADMN 570 or HMGT 655, ACFI 702.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 709

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 710 - Big Data in Finance

Credits: 4

This course serves as an introduction to many aspects of big data utilization, specifically as it applies to finance. Topics typically include high frequency trading, stock market anomalies, data management, fintech innovations, and safety and ethics when working with big data. Programming languages common to finance, such as Stata, SAS, and Python, are learned and used to analyze and manipulate data. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Equivalent(s): ACFI 710

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 711 - Investment Banking

Credits: 4

This course explores several areas of investment banking. Investment bankers play a critical role in financial markets. Among their many roles, they provide advisory services to firms, help raise capital, and assist with complex financial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions. Course topics typically include company strategy, valuation, initial public offerings (IPOs), leveraged buyouts (LBOs), and mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Prereq: ADMN 570. Students cannot earn credit for the course after taking FIN 720 as Investment Banking.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 714W - Financial Scandals, Upheavals, and Crises

Credits: 4

This course takes a multidimensional approach to the circumstances that create tumult in the financial world and, by extension, society. Disruptive events in financial history are explored from different perspectives often considering the financial innovations, ethical issues, and notions of economic justice that are involved. The course is writing intensive and requires extensive reading, introspection, and critical thinking. Prereq: ADMN 570. "Students cannot earn credit for the course after taking FIN 720W as Financial Scandals.

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 720 - Topics in Finance II

Credits: 4

Special topics, vary by semester. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 720W - Topics in Finance II

Credits: 4

Special topics, vary by semester. Prereq: ADMN 570.

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 725 - Independent Studies in Finance

Credits: 1-4

Student-designed individual research projects, approved by a faculty sponsor. Paper required. Course credits vary according to the nature of the project, to be determined by the faculty sponsor. For juniors and seniors in high standing; by permission.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

FIN 795 - Internships in Finance

Credits: 1-4

Finance fieldwork in a business or other type of organization. Supervision provided by the organization, and consultation provided by the faculty sponsor. Written report required. Course credits vary according to the nature of the fieldwork, to be determined by the faculty sponsor. For juniors and seniors in high standing; by permission.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.

Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading