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Major
• Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Concentration in Finance
• Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Concentration in Finance with Certificate in Commercial Real Estate

Minor
• Minor in Finance

Certificate
• Certificate in Commercial Real Estate for Finance Majors

FIN 101 Personal Finance (Units: 3)
Preparation for dealing with the challenges of making sound financial decisions in a constantly changing economy. Development of planning techniques and the ability to make appropriate financial decisions, both personal and business. Emphasis on the improvement of analytical skills to facilitate effective financial decision-making, including making informed decisions regarding budgets, investment, insurance, retirement, and estate planning.

FIN 303 Accounting for Financial Analysis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors and minors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.

Theory and practice of accounting for assets, liabilities, owners’ equity, income and the construction and analysis of financial statements. [Formerly ACCT 303]

Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 309 Financial Data Analysis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors and minors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better, ISYS 263*.

Techniques and applications of analysis using accounting-based and market-based financial data. Statistical and financial modeling software systems. Lecture, 2 units; activity, 1 unit.

Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division
FIN 350 Business Finance (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Business majors and minors; ACCT 101*, ECON 101*, ECON 102*; DS 212* or ISED 160* or MATH 124*; all with grades of C- or better.
Sources, methods, and instruments used by firms in obtaining and utilizing funds, in domestic and international markets, for short- and long-term operations, designed to maximize shareholders' wealth.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 351 Financial Management (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Conceptual and analytical aspects of financial decision-making. Risk-return analysis, capital budgeting, capital structure, valuation, and cost of capital.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 353 Financial Institutions (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Financial institutions in our contemporary financial system; their role in financial markets and financing business investment, their regulation, investment policies, management problems, and current developments.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 355 Investments (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Sources of investor information. Classes of investments, movement of security prices; analysis and interpretation of financial statements. The role of Wall Street; adapting investment policy to investor needs and purposes.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 357 Financial Statement and Data Analysis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Techniques for the analysis and applications of financial statements and financial data for financial management and security market analysis, uses of spreadsheet and statistical models for financial analysis. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 365 Real Estate Principles (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Economic, financial, and legal principles of real estate; real property contracts and interest; analysis of housing markets; evaluation of governmental policies and social changes; considerations in owning, leasing, managing various types of realty.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 370 Fundamentals of Real Estate (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Fundamentals of commercial real estate ownership and management. Focus on strategies for creating value in an income-producing property, the concept of investment real estate equity, and leverage strategies to increase portfolio value.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 371 Commercial Real Estate Financial Management (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
The financial relationship between owner and tenant/user. Exploration of the dynamics of two viewpoints: the real estate professional's objectives and constraints, and the owner/investor who markets to and negotiates with a tenant.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 372 Commercial Leasing and Development (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.
Application of acquired classroom knowledge to a real-world commercial leasing case addressing the financial challenges of a redevelopment case that has evaded a financial resolution for nearly 20 years. Focus on components of the proposal such as the entitlement process, leasing, financial management, investor financing, and sustainable business issues.
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division

FIN 435 Politics of Global Finance and Crisis (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing or consent of the instructor.
The development and role of late 20th- and early 21st-century financial technologies in modern market crises. Research and critical analysis of 21st-century finance capitalism. Political and financial interactions, including limits and possibilities for controlling financial behavior. (This course is offered as PLSI 435, I R 435, and FIN 435. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
• Upper-Division
FIN 536 International Finance (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.

International financial environment and corporate financial management. Topics include balance of payment, foreign exchange markets, international parity conditions, foreign exchange risk management and international financial markets. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

Course Attributes:
  • Upper-Division

FIN 657 Seminar: Financial Markets and Institutions (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 353* with a grade of B or better; ECON 500 recommended.

Intensive problem analysis under the direction of a Finance faculty member. Open only to upper-division students who have demonstrated the ability to do independent work. May be repeated for a total of 12 units. (CR/NC grading only)

Course Attributes:
  • Upper-Division

FIN 659 Special Topics in Finance (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper-division Finance majors; FIN 350* with a grade of C- or better.

Critical and emerging issues in finance. Topics may include derivative assets; pricing and application, financial and economic crisis mergers and acquisitions, start-up financing, private equity, venture capital, and other relevant topics as they arise. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

Course Attributes:
  • Upper-Division

FIN 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to Finance majors with senior standing; FIN 350*, two additional required courses for the concentration with a grade of B or better; or consent of instructor.

Intensive problem analysis under the direction of a Finance faculty member. Open only to upper-division students who have demonstrated the ability to do independent work. May be repeated for a total of 12 units. (CR/NC grading only)

Course Attributes:
  • Upper-Division
FIN 836 Seminar in International Finance (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: BUS 785 with a grade of B- or better. Restricted to graduate Business student, graduate students in other majors with the consent of the Faculty Director of Graduate Programs.

International financial environment and corporate financial management. Topics include balance payment, foreign exchange markets, international parity conditions, foreign exchange risk management, and international financial markets. (Plus-minus letter grade only)