

FINANCE COURSES (FIN)

FIN 150 **FAMILY AND PERSONAL FINANCE (3)** This functional course is designed to meet the needs of individuals and married couples in their attempt to save, invest, and spend wisely. Primary emphasis is placed on buying a house, appropriate life insurance policies, and investing in the stock market.

FIN 317 **PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE (3)** *Prerequisites: ACCT 201, ECON 201-202, and General Education Math.* Course examines basic financial principles involving procurement, allocation, and control of funds of the business firm. Topics include maximizing shareholder wealth, time value of money, stock and bond valuation, risk and expected return, capital budgeting, and financial statement analysis. This first of two case-based courses introduces the broad range of concerns in managerial finance. Topics include ratio analysis, projection of funds requirements, working capital management, lending relationships, capital budgeting, and long-term capital structure. Case analysis allow students to acquire basic skills and perspectives in each area.

FIN 318 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (3)** *Prerequisite: FIN 317.* This course applies basic financial techniques and principles to financial administration, policy, and decision-making of the firm. This course also examines ethical issues involved in financial administration, policy, and decision-making. The

case-study method is used. A continuation of FIN 317. Through case analysis and discussion, students will gain increased sophistication in their knowledge and application of managerial models relevant to the topics covered in the Principles of Finance. The course will also introduce in-depth material in the areas of capital market behavior, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and international finance.

FIN 397 **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN FINANCE (1-3)** *Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and school dean; junior or senior standing.* This course provides students the opportunity to pursue individual study of topics not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty sponsor and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

FIN 398 **SPECIAL TOPICS IN FINANCE (1-3) [credit depends on topic]** *Prerequisite: A background of work in the discipline.* This course will focus on an aspect of the discipline not otherwise covered by the regularly offered courses. The topic will vary according to professor and term; consequently, more than one may be taken by a student during his/her matriculation.

FIN 405 **INVESTMENT FUNDAMENTALS (3)** *Prerequisites: ECON 201-202, FIN 317, and BUAD 241 or ECON 250.* This course studies the economic, fundamental, and technical analysis of financial securities and their use in achieving investment objectives. The course focuses on assessing the risks and returns offered by the major classes of financial securities and their derivatives; the assessment of intrinsic versus market values; the construction of portfolios for different purposes and basic portfolio management practices; and the mechanics of participation in securities markets.