



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

FINANCE (FIN)

FIN 101: Financial Literacy

Students will learn to manage their resources and make sound personal financial decisions that will enable them to make effective use of income and achieve personal financial success. Units of study include budgeting, careers and income, taxes, insurance, credit, banking services, saving, and investing.

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 305: Personal Financial Planning

The study of personal finances and investing activities. Topics include: personal financial statements, developing a financial plan and budget, personal finance applications of time-value-of-money, risk/insurance analysis, house-buying, investment strategies, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, credit borrowing, taxes, retirement planning.

Prerequisite: ACC 201, BUA 204 and ECO 201, all with grades of C or better

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 330: Corporate Finance

An overview of the basic concepts, principles, and analytical tools in financial management. Topics include: financial statement analysis and ratios, time-value-of-money, financial markets, taxation, interest rate calculations, dividends, stock and bond valuation, capital budgeting, risk and return, cost of capital, capital structure.

Prerequisite: ACC 201, BUA 204 and ECO 202, all with grades of C or better

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 405: Career/Research Skills Fin/Inv

An extensive overview of the necessary skills for successful careers in finance and investments is explored. Topics include: developing research skills, financial writing and oral presentation techniques, investment mathematics, statistical tools, technology and computer software, online financial information and library resources, knowledge of independent investment research products and services.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 421: Cases in Financial Manage

The principles and analytical methods studied in FIN 330 are applied to real-world oriented cases for students to develop practice-oriented skills and solutions to problems facing the corporate financial manager.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 425: Analysis of Fin Stat/Fin Rep

The study of accounting data and financial statements for reporting and planning purposes and the analysis and interpretation of financial statement for accounting, management, and investment purposes. Applications and financial software are utilized to construct pro-forma statements and complete case analysis assignments.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 440: Financial Institutions

Analyzes the management operations of investment firms, insurance companies, banks, and other lending institutions. Topics include: financial statements, performance analysis, asset/liability management, mergers and acquisitions, financial services and banking industry, firm organizational structure, legal and regulatory environment.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 450: Investment Analysis

An overview of concepts and analytical tools of investment management. Topics include: modern portfolio theory, practical investment management, investment strategies, market efficiency, behavioral finance, investing internationally, mutual funds, asset allocation, managing equity and fixed income portfolios, fundamental and technical analysis, securities investment analysis.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 460: Entrepreneurial Finance

Provides an overview of the challenges and opportunities of financing business enterprises including: developing a business and financial plan. The class is intended for future entrepreneurs who wish to start or purchase new ventures, those who wish to join rapidly growing organizations, or those who desire to work in private equity, venture capital or business development in well-established organizations.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 470: International Corp Finance

Surveys the international aspects of corporate finance. Multinationals confront the familiar problems of financing and investment in unique new forms as these firms seek to expand across national borders. It investigates the financial policies, international financial markets, investment opportunities, capital budgeting techniques and foreign exchange risk management of multinational companies.

Prerequisite: FIN 330

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 472: Stud.-Managed Mutual Fund Inv

Finance students manage a real mutual fund portfolio in a teamwork setting. A focal point of the investment decision is mutual fund and industry (sector) analysis, day-to-day evaluation, record keeping, investment performance and report preparation. Finance students are responsible for all decisions in managing the mutual fund portfolio for actual funds (real money) based on a long-term asset allocation philosophy.

Prerequisite: FIN 330, FIN 405, FIN 450

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 475: Behavioral Finance

Introduces the theories developed by research regarding cognitive biases, heuristics, emotions, and crowd psychology. The course examines the applications of these theories in corporate finance, personal finance, and investment management and suggests approaches in which financial managers and investors improve their intuitive and analytical decision-making skills.

Prerequisite: PSY 200, FIN 330 and FIN 305 or FIN 450

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 480: Finance Internship

Off-campus on-the-job employment related to the discipline of Finance.

Prerequisite: junior or senior classification and consent of chairperson

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

FIN 499: Independent Study in Finance

Research on and in/depth study of a particular topic or problem under the direction of a faculty member.

Prerequisite: Senior classification and consent of chairperson

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3