Finance (FIN)

FIN 295 Special Topics in Finance (1-6 credit hours)
Presentation of accounting material at the 200-level not normally available in regular course offerings, or offering of new courses on a trial basis. Course may be taken multiple times only if topic is different.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

FIN 520 Principles of Finance (2 credit hours)
Financial decision making at profit-motivated businesses: decisions about what to produce and how and decisions about how to finance the assets needed for production. Cash as the basis of asset valuation. Capital budgeting decisions under certainty and uncertainty. Capital market theory. Cost of capital. Bond and stock valuation. Restricted to MBA students.

Prerequisite: ACC 501 Financial Accounting for Decision Makers
Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

FIN 521 Advanced Corporate Finance (3 credit hours)
Overview of financial management. Evaluation of projects and valuation of real assets using traditional discounted cash flow analysis and real options. Role of financial leverage; optimal capital structure. Conflicts between security holders and management; stockholder-bondholder conflicts; financial distress, bankruptcy and reorganization; corporate control and restructuring; corporate governance issues.

Prerequisite: FIN 520
Typically offered in Fall and Spring

FIN 522 Financial Modeling (3 credit hours)
This course examines models for capital budgeting, equity and bond valuation, capital structure, dividend policy, among other topics, using spreadsheet analyses. The course will take a very hands-on approach in building spreadsheet models. The course also includes sensitivity analysis, pro-forma analysis and using financial statements.

Prerequisite: FIN 520
Typically offered in Fall only

FIN 526 International Finance (3 credit hours)
Theory and practice of financial management in the international arena, including spot and forward markets for foreign exchange, currency futures and options contracts, international arbitrage conditions, foreign exchange exposure, foreign trade financing instruments, direct and portfolio investment abroad, and the role of country risk in determining investments.

Prerequisite: FIN 520
Typically offered in Fall only

FIN 530 Investments (3 credit hours)
Advanced topics in investments with a focus on underlying theory and practical application using real world data. Stock valuation models, bond valuation, derivatives, portfolio performance evaluation, investment strategies, efficient market theory and other current issues in investment finance.

Prerequisite: FIN 520
Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

FIN 539 Equity Valuation (3 credit hours)
Advanced quantitative course on applied equity valuation. Students conduct stock valuation analysis which is then used to select stocks for the student-managed SunTrust MBA fund. Topics include the investment decision making process, empirical evidence on securities returns, forecasting financial statements, industry and macro-economic analysis, valuation models, portfolio performance evaluation and performance attribution. Students will also learn how to write computer programs using SAS software in order to generate statistical tests of investment strategies using "big financial data.

Prerequisite: FIN 520
Typically offered in Fall and Spring

FIN 590 Special Topics in Finance (1-6 credit hours)
Presentation of material not normally available in regular courses offerings or offering of new courses on a trial basis.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer