

# FI - FINANCE (FI)

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## **FI 199. Service Learning. (3 Credits)**

This course is designed to introduce students to Service Learning through the integration of academic learning about local, national, and global issues with service work addressing those concerns. Approval of supervising department required. (Offered upon sufficient demand.)

## **FI 325. Principles of Real Estate I. (3 Credits)**

A study of real estate fundamentals including problems and law. (Fall, Spring)

## **FI 326. Principles of Real Estate II. (3 Credits)**

Principles of property utilization; the law dealing with ownership, titles, liens, leases, and contracts; introduction to property appraisal. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 327. Principles of Real Estate Practicum. (1 Credit)**

An intensive study of Alabama Real Estate Law including a study of requirements for obtaining and keeping a real estate license. With FI 325, satisfies the 60 hours of formal education required prior to taking the examination for a Alabama real estate sales person's license. (Fall, Spring)

## **FI 335. Real Estate Cases. (3 Credits)**

A study of practical real estate problems and law with emphasis placed on actual cases which practitioners might face. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 355. Principles of Insurance. (3 Credits)**

A study of risk management and provisions of basic insurance contracts, including life, property, liability, and health insurance. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 359. Special Course. (1-6 Credits)**

Course number reserved for special courses offered from time to time in response to special circumstances. The courses are discipline specific with variable credit and when offered, they are identified by department content and credit.

## **FI 365. Property and Casualty Insurance. (3 Credits)**

Coverages, policy provisions, and concepts in property and casualty insurance. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 369. Special Course. (1-6 Credits)**

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## **FI 375. Life and Health Insurance. (3 Credits)**

An introductory study of life and health insurance. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 385. Entrepreneurial Finance. (3 Credits)**

Focusing on the basic principles of financial management, topics covered include working capital management, including management of cash, receivables and inventory; financial statement analysis, including ratios, benchmarking, and cash flow; sources of financing, including venture capital, the initial public offering, and the continuing need to raise debt or equity. Prerequisites: AC 291, 292. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 389. On-Campus Internship. (3 Credits)**

## **FI 391. Money and Banking. (3 Credits)**

The relation of money to prices, employment and business activity. Analysis of money and capital markets, interest rate determination, and Federal Reserve control of the money supply. Also listed as EC 391 but creditable only in field for which registered. Prerequisites: EC 251, 252. (Fall, Spring)

## **FI 393. Financial Management. (3 Credits)**

Valuation of stocks and bonds risk and rates of return; topics in capital budgeting, cost capital, working capital management, and ratio analysis. Prerequisites: AC 291, 292; EC 251, 252; QM 291. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

## **FI 399. Departmental Service Learning. (1-6 Credits)**

This course is designed to provide students the opportunity to integrate academic learning about vital service issues within a specific discipline with service work addressing those issues. This course may be repeated for a maximum of six credits. Approval of supervising department required. (Offered upon sufficient demand.)

## **FI 410. Financial Modeling. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to Excel-based financial modeling. Emphasis is on building, manipulating and analyzing data-driven financial models. Students develop the skills to apply theories, concepts and spreadsheet tools for effective financial analysis and decision-making. Prerequisites: FI 393. (Fall, Spring)

## **FI 423. Financial Institutions Management. (3 Credits)**

A study of the operations of financial institutions with emphasis on organization, sources and allocation of funds including asset, liability, and capital structure management, and government regulation. Prerequisite: FI 393 or approval of the department chair. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 425. Contemporary Economic and Finance Problems. (3 Credits)**

Application of economic and financial theory to problems or issues in economics and finance. Also listed as EC 425 but creditable only in the field for which registered. Prerequisite: approval of department chair. (Fall)

## **FI 430. Real Estate Appraisal. (3 Credits)**

Methods of appraisal and theories of value as applied to income and residential properties. (Spring)

## **FI 440. Real Estate Finance. (3 Credits)**

An in-depth study of methods of financing real estate, with particular attention to traditional and alternative methods, secondary mortgage markets, and government financing of real estate including FHA, FNMA, and VA programs. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 445. Real Estate Investments. (3 Credits)**

Ownership of real estate as an investment; residential, business, and industrial real estate from the standpoint of investment risk, taxation, and profit; income and cash flow analysis. (Offered on sufficient demand)

## **FI 446. Real Estate Development and Management. (3 Credits)**

Analysis of the real estate development process and the functions performed by the real estate developer. Emphasis on residential and retail development and the management of developed properties after construction. Examines the relationships between the developer and others involved in the development process such as lenders, local governments, builders, and others. Prerequisite: FI 393. (Offered on sufficient demand)

**FI 453. Public Finance. (3 Credits)**

Economic activities of the public sector. The nature of public goods; principles of taxation; effects of policy on economic stabilization and growth; intergovernmental fiscal relations. Also listed as EC 453 but creditable only in the field for which registered. Prerequisites: EC 251, 252. (Spring)

**FI 463. International Trade and Finance. (3 Credits)**

The international exchange of goods and services with particular attention to the bases of international trade; procedure in importing and exporting; commercial policies and treaties; foreign investments; balance of payments; tariffs, quotas, and other exchange controls. Also listed as EC 463 but creditable only in the field for which registered. Prerequisites: EC 251, 252. (Fall, Spring)

**FI 470. TVA Investment Challenge. (3 Credits)**

The TVA Investment Challenge is a remarkable opportunity to offer students a real-world learning experience in investment management. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), through the TVA Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund, has created a program for students to manage a \$100,000 portfolio. The students will design a long-term management strategy and actively manage the funds. The students are required to conduct economic, industry, and company analysis. May be repeated with approval of department chair. Prerequisites: FI 393 and approval of committee; junior or senior standing. (Fall, Spring)

**FI 480. Finance Internship. (3 Credits)**

A work related experience in a private, public, or governmental organization enhancing the applications of finance theories and concepts. Must be a junior or senior. Prerequisites: FI 391, 393, and approval of department chair. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

**FI 481. Financial Statement Analysis. (3 Credits)**

The study of the analysis of financial statement information, focusing on financial decisions including loan decisions, equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, and other valuation related issues. Also listed as AC 481 but creditable only in field for which registered. Prerequisite: AC 392 with a minimum grade of C or FI 394 with a minimum grade of C. (Spring)

**FI 486. Risk Management. (3 Credits)**

Risk management techniques. Identification and analysis of loss exposures and selecting risk management alternatives for various types of losses. Prerequisite: FI 393. (Spring)

**FI 492. Investments. (3 Credits)**

Investors; the forms of institutions; corporate securities and speculation; uncertainty, liquidity, and taxability; security analysis; and government controls. Prerequisites: AC 291, 292; EC 251, 252. (Fall)

**FI 493. Advanced Financial Management. (3 Credits)**

An in-depth study of day to day problems of corporate financial management with emphasis on financial planning and management of current assets and short and intermediate term financing. Also an examination of dividend policy, capital expenditures, acquisitions, mergers, and reorganization. Prerequisites: AC 291, 292; EC 251, 252; FI 393; QM 292. (Fall)

**FI 494. Capital Budgeting. (3 Credits)**

Advanced topics in capital budgeting including the capital assets pricing model, cost of capital, risk and certainty equivalents. Prerequisites: FI 393 and approval of the department chair. (Offered on sufficient demand)

**FI 495. Security Analysis and Portfolio Theory. (3 Credits)**

Methods of security analysis portfolio selection and capital market theory. Prerequisites: FI 393, 492. (Spring)

**FI 498. Cases in Finance. (3 Credits)**

A study of financial problems of business, applying financial theory to actual cases with the use of simulation techniques. Prerequisites: FI 493. (Spring)

**FI 499. Independent Study-Practicum. (3-6 Credits)**

Open to senior majors on approval of the department chair. Provides for study, research, or special field experience under departmental determination, supervision, and evaluation. (Fall, Spring, Summer)