Standard Course Outline
FIN 400
Intermediate Financial Management

1. General Information:
Units: 3 credits
Prerequisites: FIN 300.
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2. Catalog Description:
Intermediate-level, lecture-discussion course in corporate finance. Topics include: cash budgeting, capital budgeting, business acquisition and mergers, cost of capital, and international finance. Letter grade only (A-F).

3. Curriculum Justification:
The course is aligned with the CBA learning goals of critical thinking, business functions, quantitative and technical skills.

4. Course Objectives:
As a required course for undergraduate students with finance major, this course explores the topics covered in FIN 300 (Business Finance) in greater depth. The course also extends the knowledge learned in FIN 300 by covering more advanced topics such as real options and mergers and acquisitions. The following learning goals are expected upon completion of the course:
- Critical Thinking
  Students will be able to practically apply finance theories in the decision making process of corporations.
- Business Functions
  Students will gain an insight into how pertaining finance theories and applications are used in the decision making process of corporations.
- Quantitative & Technical Skills
  Students will be able to perform quantitative analyses related to how a corporation should evaluate project proposals or long-term investment opportunities (capital budgeting decisions) and about how a corporation should raise and allocate long-term funds (long-term financing decisions or capital structure choice).

5. Outline of Subject Matter:
Topics to be covered in this class typically include:

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6. **Methods of Instruction:**
Method of instruction generally includes a selected combination of the following:

- Lecture
- Class discussions
- In-class exercises
- Homework assignments
- Case studies
- Reports of current financial topics
- Individual or group projects
- Examinations

Examples of textbooks used in this course are:

- *Fundamentals of Corporate Finance*, by Brealey, Myers and Marcus; McGraw-Hill/Irwin
- *Essentials of Corporate Finance* by Ross, Westerfield and Jordan; McGraw-Hill/Irwin
- *Principles of Corporate Finance* by Brealey, Myers and Allen; McGraw-Hill/Irwin
- *Intermediate Financial Management* by Brigham and Daves; Thomson/South-Western

7. **Instructional Policies:**

Instructors may specify their own policies with regard to grading, class-room behavior, make-up exam, withdrawal, academic integrity, absences, etc., as long as these policies are consistent with the University policies.

The students are expected to comply with the universally accepted norms of considerate and courteous behavior, and with all University rules and policies found in the current University Catalog. It will be assumed that the students will adhere to the tenets of academic integrity as articulated in Dean’s Letter on Academic Integrity throughout this course.

**Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities are responsible for notifying their instructor as early as possible of their needs for an accommodation of a verified disability. A student with a disability is urged to consult with Disabled Student Services as soon as possible in order to identify possible accommodations to enhance academic success.