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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<td>1 Time value of money: review and extension of FIN 300</td>
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<td>2 Analyzing and forecasting financial statements</td>
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Advanced treatment of capital budgeting decisions
Sensitivity analysis and scenario analysis
Real options
Risk and return
Advanced treatment of the weighted-average cost of capital (WACC)
Long-term financial decisions or capital structure choice
Working capital management
Dividend policy
Mergers and acquisitions
Initial public offering

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.