### FIN 356 Fundamentals of Investing

Credit Hours: 3

### Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3 May also be offered as a hybrid or online format.

**Catalog Course Description**: This course covers the various types of investment instruments, the organized exchanges (NYSE, AMEX and Regulation), the over-the—counter market, the international financial exchanges, mutual funds, portfolio management, setting and achieving financial goals. FIN 340 or instructor's consent.)

Pre-requisites: FIN 340 or instructor's consent

Co-requisites: None

### **Course Learning Outcomes and Topics to be Studied:**

Students will study:

- Role & Scope of Investments
- Investment markets & transactions
- Online trading and information
- Investment Return & Risk
- Modern Portfolio Concepts.
- Mutual Funds
- Options
- Commodities & Financial Futures
- Common Stock Investments
- Analytical Dimensions
- of Stock Selection
- Stock Valuation and Investment Decisions
- Bond Investments
- Bond Valuation & Analysis
- Administering Your Own Portfolio

### **Relationship of Course to Program or Discipline Learning Outcomes:**

Bachelors of Applied Science in Business Administration	
(BASBA) Program Outcomes	
Accounting and Financial Management Concentration (AFM):	
<ul> <li>Communicate effectively and professionally both orally and in writing including complex report generation.</li> </ul>	Х
<ul> <li>Demonstrate and integrate the use functional areas of business including accounting, economics, finance, global business, management, marketing and the legal environment of business.</li> </ul>	Х
<ul> <li>Demonstrate the ability to work ethically, effectively, and respectfully with people of diverse backgrounds and with people whom have different roles, social affiliations, and personalities.</li> </ul>	Х
<ul> <li>Build on the accountingrelated competences developed in the AAS program and interpret and analyze accounting information for internal control, planning, and performance evaluation.</li> </ul>	Х
Demonstrate knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and	

apply these to financial reporting situations.	
<ul> <li>Demonstrate knowledge of the global business environment and how financial reporting</li> </ul>	
differs from the United States to other countries.	
<ul> <li>Demonstrate an ability to communicate financial results to various stakeholders that</li> </ul>	Х
increases the understanding of the financial situation of the organization.	
<ul> <li>Function as a member of a financial planning team and provide support to other areas of the</li> </ul>	Х
organization requiring timely financial data.	
Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical responsibilities of those in accounting practice	Х
and the importance of strong ethical standards to the functioning of the financial world.	

	ors of Science in Business Administration  Program Outcomes	
	nting Specialization (ACCT):	
•	Communicate effectively and professionally both orally and in writing including complex report generation.	Х
•	Demonstrate the use of quantitative skills in analysis of complex business decisions with a global perspective.	Х
•	Demonstrate and integrate the use functional areas of business including accounting, economics, finance, global business, management, marketing and the legal environment of business.	Х
•	Demonstrate the ability to work ethically, effectively, and respectfully with people of diverse backgrounds and with people whom have different roles, social affiliations, and personalities.	Х
•	Interpret and analyze accounting information for internal control, planning and performance evaluation.	Х
•	Demonstrate knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and apply these to financial reporting situations to corporate and board of directors' level executives.	
•	Be able to demonstrate knowledge of the global business environment and how financial reporting differs from the United States to other countries.	
•	Demonstrate an ability to communicate complex auditing procedures and apply auditing techniques to provide assurance of the validity of financial reporting.	
•	Demonstrate an understanding of the United States Income tax code and how to research complex tax situations to provide maximum benefit to the organization.	
•	Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the legal environment of business.	Х
•	Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the ethical responsibilities of those in accounting practice and the importance of strong ethical standards to the functioning of the financial world.	Х
•	Be admission-ready for a Master of Business Administration program if desired.	Х
•	Be ready to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam if desired.	Х

# Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:

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<b>Composition and Rhetoric</b> Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b> Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	Х
<b>Society, Diversity, &amp; Connections</b> Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	
Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problemsolving skills.	
The Arts & Creativity Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.	
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# Special requirements of the course:

Individual report presentation

**Additional information:** 

(Anything else that may be useful.)

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