



## MBA/Finance Concentration

MBA students who want to specialize in Finance must complete four Finance courses. One of these courses will serve as the elective in the MBA program and two of the courses will substitute for courses **A ST 512** (formerly MGMT 512) and **BA 590** in the general MBA program (because the learning objectives of the Finance courses meet the learning objectives of the two).

**MBA Core Requirement: BFIN 503: Financial Management** (FALL semester only) Theory and application of financial analysis to asset management, project evaluation, capital structure, and dividend policy. Interrelationships among financial and other organizational decisions.

*Prerequisite: BFIN 341 or equivalent (with a grade of B or better) or consent of instructor.*

### **Students must take the following course for the concentration:**

**BFIN 535: Investment Concepts** (FALL and SPRING semesters) Investments in common stocks and other securities. Risk and return, securities markets, portfolio theory and management.

### **Students can then choose any 3 of the following courses for the concentration:**

**BFIN 511: Financial Futures Markets** (SPRING semester only) Advanced hedging and speculating strategies using futures and options contracts. Coverage includes interest rates, stock indexes, metals, currencies, livestock, and grains. Concepts of price analysis (technical and fundamental) and basis analysis; technical paper is required.

**BFIN 521: Personal Financial Planning for Professionals** (FALL semester only) Introduction to personal financial planning, including goal setting and fact finding, cash management, credit, housing, retirement planning, taxation and estate planning. This course is intended for those planning careers in personal financial advising in one of the various financial services environments.

**BFIN 545: Money and Capital Markets** (FALL semester only) Examination of financial markets and institutions. Emphasis on interest rate determinants, bond markets, and fixed income portfolio management.

**BFIN 555: Derivative Markets and Securities** (SPRING semester only) Institutional aspects of derivative markets and the arbitrage-based pricing of derivative instruments such as stock options, interest rate options, future contracts and swaps. The applied component of the course demonstrates use of these instruments as hedge and/or investment vehicles.

**BFIN 575: International Managerial Finance** (FALL semester only.) International aspects of financial transactions, decision-making, banking and financial markets.

**BFIN 581: Management of Financial Institutions** (SPRING semester only.) Asset and liability management of financial institutions; emphasis on commercial bank management.