

College of Business and Public Administration

Department of Finance Graduate Faculty

The mission of the Department of Finance is to offer students an educational experience which provides a balanced mix of finance theory and practical application, at the undergraduate level. The program is expected to provide students with the knowledge of financial concepts and the analytical skills needed to pursue a variety of careers in corporate and government financial management, investments, portfolio analysis and management, financial analysis, financial planning, banking, real estate, risk management, and insurance. Students should develop the innovative skills necessary to successfully address a broad range of unanticipated challenges one could potentially encounter in a professional financial setting. Students will have the ability to effectively communicate their solutions in oral and visual presentations, as well as in written reports.



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Rank: Associate Professor

Recent Courses Taught:

<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
FIN 310	Principles of Financial Mgmt.
FIN 340	Intermediate Financial Mgmt.
FIN 440	Senior Top: Financial Strategy and Valuing Real Assets
FIN 475	Cases in Managerial Finance

Major Field of Study: Finance

Research Interests: Initial Public Offerings, Corporate Valuation, Risk Management



Steve Dennis, Ph.D.

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Rank: Professor

Recent Courses Taught:

<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
FIN 370	Student Investment Fund I
FIN 470	Student Investment Fund

Major Field of Study: Finance

Research Interests: Debt Contract Design and Market Efficiency



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Rank: Assistant Professor

Recent Courses Taught:

<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
FIN 310	Principles of Financial Mgmt.
FIN 475	Cases in Managerial Finance
FIN 501	Managerial Finance

Major Field's of Study: Public Finance, Resource Economics, Business Finance, and Quantitative Analysis

Research Interests: Integrated decision modeling of financial management decisions for planning and forecasting, banking industry with a wide variety of topics, research in banking including TIPS, I Bonds and other securities, over provisioning of the allowance for loan and lease losses, and real options modeling and analysis.



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Rank: Professor

Recent Courses Taught:	<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
	FIN 310	Principles of Financial Mgmt.
	FIN 420	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
	FIN 430	International Financial Mgmt.

Major Field's of Study: Corporate Finance and Investments

Research Interests: Derivatives, Investments, Efficiency of Market.



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Rank: Professor

Recent Courses Taught:	<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
	SPRT 205	Intro to Sport Business
	MRKT 445	Sport Marketing
	SPRT 497	Internship in Sport Business

Major Field's of Study: Marketing and Quantitative Methods

Research Interests: Sport Marketing, Real Estate Financial Services
Marketing, Not-For-Profit Marketing.



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Recent Courses Taught:

<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
FIN 310	Principles of Financial Mgmt
FIN 321	Real Estate Finance and Investment
FIN 360	Capital Market Finance & Investment Strategy
FIN 450	Derivative Financial Instruments

Major Field's of Study: Corporate Finance and Investments

Research Interests: Corporate Finance and Investments, Real Estate Finance, Derivative Securities.



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Recent Courses Taught:

<i>Dept/Number</i>	<i>Title (subject)</i>
FIN 310	Principles of Financial Mgmt.
FIN 340	Intermediate Corporate Finance
FIN 360	Capital Market Financing and Investment Strategies

Major Field's of Study: Corporate Finance

Research Interests: Corporate Governance, Executive Compensation, Mergers and Acquisitions, Capital Structure, IPO and SEO