

FINC 371 Financial Markets and Institutions

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to the workings of financial markets and institutions. It explores the various types of financial markets and institutions, examining their roles, dynamics, and the associated returns and risks. Additionally, the course addresses contemporary challenges and issues these financial markets and institutions face, providing students with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively navigate and analyze these complex financial environments. *(Prerequisite: FINC 201)* (3 credits)

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced understanding of the operation, mechanics, and structure of the financial system, emphasizing its institutions, markets, and financial instruments.
2. Apply concepts related to financial markets and financial institutions to real life scenarios from a practitioner's perspective.
3. Critically evaluate measures of risk and return for various financial instruments.
4. Investigate and analyze problems related financial markets and institutions by utilizing problem solving skills and technological aids.
5. Demonstrate clear oral and written communication skills, through formal or informal presentations and/ or other forms of written communication.
6. Demonstrate the ability to work professionally to explore the financial markets and institutions and to analyze the implications for financial managers, individually as well as in a team.

Textbook & Course Materials:

- *Financial Markets and Institutions by Anthony Saunders, Marcia Cornett and Otgo Erhemjamts, 8th edition, 2022.*

Course Content:

1. Introduction
2. Determinants of Interest Rates
3. Interest Rates and Interest Rates
4. Money Markets
5. Bond Markets
6. Stock Markets
7. Foreign Exchange Markets
8. Derivative Securities Market
9. Fintech Companies
10. Types of Risks Incurred by Financial Institutions