FINC 461 Mergers and Acquistion

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the fundamental principles and practices of mergers, acquisitions, takeovers, and corporate restructuring, with a particular emphasis on valuation techniques. It aims to develop expertise in understanding the valuation processes essential for analyzing and assessing the strategic rationale and financial implications of corporate consolidation activities. ***(Prerequisite:** FINC 311)* (3 credits)

Course Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate critical understanding of key M&A concepts and processes, including strategy, valuation, deal structuring, and legal/regulatory considerations.
2. Utilize financial models and theories such as discounted cash flow (DCF) valuation, accretion/dilution analysis, and an introductory appreciation of capital structure theories in the context of mergers and acquisitions.
3. Leverage technology to evaluate M&A deals and provide justifiable advice based on data analysis, showcasing developing financial analysis and modelling capabilities.
4. Craft impactful reports and presentations explaining M&A intricacies.
5. Contribute actively to group work, showcasing emerging leadership and proficient conflict resolution skills for collaborative success

Textbook & Course Materials:

- Gaughan, Patrick A. (2017), Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings, 7th Edition, NY: John Wiley & Sons.

Course Content:

1. Mergers Process
2. Mergers Strategy
3. Environmental, Corporate Social Responsibility, & Corporate Governance
4. Financial Analysis
5. Valuation
6. Due Diligence
7. Financing Decisions
8. Antitakeover Measures & Antitrust Law
9. Takeover Tactics
10. Leverage Buyout