MGT 260 / MGP / MGB 260
Financial Management
Preliminary Course Description (subject to further review - to be used for the purpose of course selection)

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Course Description
As the catalog says, this course is devoted to the manner in which modern firms optimally manage their key financial decisions in relation to how they actually perform. The method of instruction involves a mixture of lecture topics and case studies. Specific topics to be covered include basics of valuation, cost of capital, international capital budgeting, dividends policy, mergers and acquisitions, corporate control, corporate governance, executive compensation, corporate performance measurement and initial public offerings.

Required Materials
The text used for the course is entitled Creating Wealth, by Neal Stoughton and includes all Harvard Business School case studies as well as topic coverage and background articles from the practitioner literature. The text can be ordered online (details to follow to registered students) or provided by the university to those students in the professional programs. Questions to guide the analyses as well as Excel workbooks will be provided for all case studies.

List of Case Studies
Southport Minerals - Project financing
New World Development Corporation - Capital structure and costs of capital
MSDI Alcala de Henares - International capital budgeting
FPL Group - Dividends policy
AOL-Time Warner - Mergers and Acquisitions
Gulf Oil - Corporate control
Circon - Corporate governance and poison pills
Akamai - Executive compensation and stock options
Vyaderm Pharmaceuticals - Economic value added
Genset - IPOs

Grading and Evaluation
The grade for the course will be based on the following components: (1) class participation for the case study discussions; (2) presentation of one of the case studies to the class; (3) a written report on one of the case studies. There will not be any exams for the course. Depending on class size, students will be encouraged to work in groups for the presentation and report. The class participation grade will be based most importantly on the quality of remarks made during class. In that respect an occasional absence will not adversely impact the class participation grade.