

## **FA 296 INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS- DECEMBER 2005**

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LOCATION: OAK FORESTCAMPUS, MONDAYS, WEDNEDAYS: NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 12; 6:30 P.M.- 9:30P.M.

COMPETENCIES OFFERED: S-3-F, FX, H-5 You may register for only one competence

It is imperative in today's marketplace that every citizen have an understanding of the financial markets and the systems that drive them. This is not a computer course. We will not be discussing computer systems but rather the laws of finance that govern the western democracies economic systems. We will look at government regulations and how every citizen's life is affected by the capital markets, the federal reserve system and trade agreements. One example of a financial system is the New York Stock Exchange.

REQUIRED TEXT: NONE. Secure a basic introduction to Finance book from any library. Class handouts will be provided.

### **LEARNING TOOLS AND STRATEGIES**

1. Duplicated materials for reading and discussion
2. Class discussions and group work
3. Lectures
4. Case Studies
5. Internet research and articles

### **COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS**

H-5 Students will focus on international trade agreements/fiscal/monetary policy

FX Student will write a proposal and evaluation product based on the student's focus area.

S-3-F Student will negotiate with the instructor regarding the use of Technology in the running and support of financial systems. Students may wish to analyze their own company or any Company on the New York Stock Exchange.

### **COURSE EVALUATION**

Grade will be based on 2 assignments and class participation. Since this is only a 5 week class, attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged. One assignment will be an essay assigned by the instructor. It will not be a research paper. The second assignment will be the choice of the student. Five different projects will be available for selection.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

DePaul's requirement regarding academic integrity applies in this class and will be strictly followed.

### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

CLASS 1	NOVEMBER 28	FISCAL POLICY; GOVERNMENT SPENDING/TAXING
CLASS 2	NOVEMBER 30	MONETARY POLICY; THE FEDERAL RESERVE
CLASS 3	DECEMBER 5	STOCK MARKETS
CLASS 4	DECEMBER 7	TRADE AGREEMENTS. NAFTA, EU
CLASS 5	DECEMBER 12	CLASS PRESENTATIONS