# Financial Decision Making 2015–16

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Course Descriptions by Quarter

**Autumn**

**Financial Accounting**
Charles Hamilton

This required course teaches you the terminology, tools, and techniques of financial accounting and shows you the relationships among major types of financial statements: balance sheets, cash flow statements, and income and expense statements. You learn how these statements are prepared, what information you can learn from them, how they treat the most common kinds of assets and liabilities, and how they report revenues, expenses, and cash flows according to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Financial reporting requirements for various kinds of firms are discussed. It is important in this course to stay up-to-date with readings and homework assignments every week.

Course Code: FNFACC | Section 15A1
Wed 6–9 pm / Sep 9–Nov 4 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

**Principles of Economics**
William Strauss

This elective course covers major topics in both microeconomics and macroeconomics that are relevant and important to financial decision makers in business firms. You will study the economic concept of cost; determinants of supply and demand in markets; the effects of cost and market structure on firms; government economic policy and regulation of business; and the influence of fiscal and monetary policies on pricing, economic activity, and business decisions. You will learn the significance of economic data released periodically by government agencies and private economic research firms.

Course Code: FNPREC | Section 15A1
Thu 6–9 pm / Sep 10–Oct 29 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

**Winter**

**Corporate Finance**
David Ellis

This required course teaches principles and practices in corporate finance, with a particular emphasis on evaluating levels of risk and rates of return on corporate investments and resource allocations. Topics in the course include risk/reward assessment, the time value of money, interest rates, discounted cash flow analysis, rates of return, the capital asset pricing model, sources of funding, capital structure of a firm, stock issuance and buy-backs, dividend policy, and cash management.

Course Code: FNBCFI | Section 16W1
Tue 6–9 pm / Jan 26–Mar 15 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

**Financial Accounting**
Charles Hamilton

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Course Code: FNFACC | Section 16W1
Wed 6–9 pm / Jan 27–Mar 23 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

**Managerial Analysis: Tools for Better Decisions**
John Twombly

Financial accounting looks back at past financial performance and generates statements meant especially for a company’s external stakeholders, such as investors, lenders, and government regulators. Managerial analysis looks forward and serves decision makers inside the company. This elective course shows you an array of practical, flexible tools you can employ to analyze and measure financial and organizational performance. This will help you manage and reduce costs, increase operational efficiency, identify profit-maximizing production and service volumes, improve internal controls, and develop performance metrics for critical business processes and operations. Department managers, financial managers, budget analysts, managerial accountants, and entrepreneurs will find the course valuable.

Course Code: FNMANA | Section 16W1
Mon 6–9 pm / Mar 7–May 2 / Gleacher Center / $1,350
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Spring

**Financial Accounting**

Charles Hamilton

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Course Code: FNFACC | Section 16S1
Wed 6–9 pm / Apr 13–Jun 15 / Gleacher Center / $1,350
No class June 8

**Securities and Portfolios**

Patrick Keating, Charles Sloan

This elective course teaches knowledge and skills especially relevant to those pursuing careers in investing and portfolio management. But even for corporate managers, the course provides insight into how important corporate stakeholders, namely, shareholders and investors, get and respond to information about corporate financial performance. Topics include financial markets, stocks, bonds, options, methods of trading, sources of information, investment portfolio objectives, risk and volatility, asset allocations, and theories of fundamental and technical analysis.

Course Code: FNVEST | Section 16S1
Mon, Thu 6–9 pm / May 9–Jun 6 / Gleacher Center / $1,350
No class Memorial Day Weekend

**Corporate Finance**

David Ellis

This required course teaches principles and practices in corporate finance, with a particular emphasis on evaluating levels of risk and rates of return on corporate investments and resource allocations. Topics in the course include risk/reward assessment, the time value of money, interest rates, discounted cash flow analysis, rates of return, the capital asset pricing model, sources of funding, capital structure of a firm, stock issuance and buy-backs, dividend policy, and cash management.

Course Code: FNBCFI | Section 16S1
Thu 6–9 pm / May 12–Jun 30 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

Summer

**Financial Accounting**

Charles Hamilton

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Course Code: FNFACC | Section 16U1
Wed 6–9 pm / June 29–Aug 24 / Gleacher Center / $1,350

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