

SYLLABUS
INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE CONCEPTS FOR LAW STUDENTS
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Semester: Spring, 2014 – March 10 through March 13 – 9:00am – 3:00pm

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Location: TBA

Text: Financial Accounting for MBAs, 5th Edition, by Easton, Wild, Halsey and McAnally, ISBN 978-1-934319-98-7

Exams: One exam will be given at the end of class on Thursday, March 13. Exam due to be completed by Monday, March 17

Course Summary:

Introduction to Finance Concepts for Law Students is a graduate level course that will cover introductory financial reporting and financial analysis. Study in this course will include the introduction to the mechanics of financial accounting, the building of financial statements, reporting and analysis of financial information and overview of accounting principles and procedures. Certain business and financial practices, including financing techniques and valuation procedures, are covered.

The reporting of the financial and operating results of the business entity through the financial statements is a major objective of any company or organization. This course will give the student knowledge of the reporting requirements of public companies, how the information in the financial statements is used and analyzed and how the information is accounted for and derived in the form of financial statements. We will also cover methods of using financial statement information as decision makers in evaluating companies and how lawyers might use this information in their practices.

The order of course topics will follow the textbook chapters. The exam will be short essay and multiple choice and will be take home. Text may be used to complete the exam.