Graduate Programs—NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION:
PREFIX RMI COURSE NUMBER 6356 LAB CODE (L or C)_____

(TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, GO TO www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/UUPFinfo/)

COMPLETE COURSE TITLE: RISK MANAGEMENT: THE ROLES OF REINSURANCE AND CAPITAL MARKET SOLUTIONS

CREDITS: 3


EFFECTIVE DATE
(first term course will be offered):

SPRING 2009

GRADING (SELECT ONLY ONE GRADING OPTION): REGULAR X PASS/FAIL ______ SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY ______

COURSE DESCRIPTION, NO MORE THAN 3 LINES: AN ADVANCED COURSE IN RISK MANAGEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON THE DYNAMIC TREND TOWARDS CONVERGENCE OF INSURANCE AND CAPITAL MARKETS FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL RISK MANAGEMENT. THIS COURSE COVERS BASIC AND COMPLEX TECHNIQUES FOR DEVELOPING INSURANCE LINKED SECURITIES STRUCTURES AND TOOLS, INTEGRATING RISK MANAGEMENT ENCOMPASSING INSURANCE RISKS AND FINANCIAL RISKS INHERENT TO THE ENTERPRISE. THE COURSE PRESENTS A GLOBAL MARKET PERSPECTIVE NECESSARY FOR BUSINESSES TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY GLOBALIZATION OF MATURE AND EMERGING COMMERCIAL ECONOMICS.

PREREQUISITES: 
COREQUISITES: 
OTHER REGISTRATION CONTROLS (MAJOR, COLLEGE, LEVEL): 

PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES & REGISTRATION CONTROLS SHOWN ABOVE WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL COURSE SECTIONS

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO TEACH THIS COURSE: PhD

Other departments, colleges that might be affected by the new course must be consulted. Consulted and attach written comments from each. Finance Dept.

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SIGNATURES

Approved by:

Date: 08/26/08

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Syllabus—must include all details as shown in the UGPC Guidelines.

Written Consent—required from all departments affected.

Go to: www.fau.edu/graduate/gpc/index.php to download this form and guidelines to fill out the form.

Dean of the Graduate College:

Date: 8/29/08

Email this form and syllabus to sfuks@fau.edu and egirjo@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website by committee members prior to the meeting.

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From: Zarruk Emilio [zarruke@fau.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 9:38 AM
To: 'Eileen Chaya Schneider'
Subject: RMI 4353/RMI 6356

To Whom It May Concern:

The members of the Finance/Insurance Department have given their unanimous approval for the new RMI 4353/RMI 6356 course.

Emilio
Risk Management: the Roles of Reinsurance and Capital Market Solutions

Syllabus

Required Texts:


Course Description*

This is an advanced course in risk management with a focus on the dynamic trend toward convergence of insurance and capital markets. The course is for upper level undergraduate and MBA students interested in financial services in the context of regional and global risk management.

Reinsurance and alternative coverages available through innovative capital market structures protect commercial and societal infrastructures against those catastrophic loss exposures which have the potential to eviscerate local, regional and/or global economies. These exposures include natural and man made catastrophes.

Capital market participation in creating catastrophic insurance linked securities (ILS) offer insurers and consumers financing vehicles to transfer such risks to global capital markets. Investment banks, hedge funds, sovereign wealth funds, private equity funds and the insurance (including reinsurance) industry provide capital to support ILS structures, which offer substantial investment returns when the risks covered do not occur. These returns are not correlated with more traditional investments, thereby enhancing investment diversification. The course will explore how ILS can satisfy return and diversification objectives to improve investors’ risk/return profile. At the same time, ILS increase needed insurance and reinsurance industry capacity, improve insurers’ return on equity, and reduce the volatility of their earnings.

This course covers basic and complex techniques for developing ILS structures and explores Enterprise/Integrated Risk Management encompassing insurance risks and financial risks inherent in ILS. The course presents a global market perspective necessary for businesses to meet those challenges and opportunities presented by globalization of mature and emerging commercial economies. These techniques involve traditional and ILS reinsurance, self-insurance, retrospective rating structures, captive insurance structures, finite and integrated risk structures, and other risk financing structures, including catastrophe bonds, catastrophe swaps, exchange-traded options, industry loss warranties, side cars, and contingent capital, and other alternative risk transfer techniques. All of the foregoing can protect against nearly any form of weather risk, pandemic risk or catastrophic mortality risk.

In sum ILS structures are fundamental to enterprise risk management, which today is an essential component of credit ratings and regulatory oversight.

*This course does not conflict with FIN 6537, Financial Risk Management and Derivatives. Its focus is on insurance and reinsurance financing techniques, including utilization of hedging for those purposes. Enterprise Risk Management structures are also taught in Risk Management: The Roles of Reinsurance and Capital Market Solutions (RMI 4353 / RMI 6356), which is not a subject covered in FIN 6537, Financial Risk Management and Derivatives.
Topics Covered

1. Risk and insurance overview
2. The convergence of insurance and financial risk management
3. Portfolio theory and enterprise risk management
4. Risk management strategy: duality and globality
5. Hedging and insurance
6. Overview of reinsurance markets
7. Principles of reinsurance
8. Types of reinsurance and reinsurance program design
9. Reinsurance operations and strategies
10. Reinsurance audits and regulation
11. Overview of alternative risk financing markets
12. Self-insurance
13. Retrospective rating structures
14. Captive insurance
15. Finite and integrated insurance
16. Capital market innovations and insurance linked securities
   a. Catastrophe bonds
   b. Insurance derivatives
   c. Industry loss warranties
   d. Side cars
   e. Contingent capital
17. Other alternative risk transfer techniques
18. Investment in insurance linked securities

Evaluation

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Your letter grade for the course will be based on your final average and on your efforts that I consider reasonable.

Class Participation

Attendance is required. Students are expected to attend class regularly. Failure to do so will affect your course grade. Each student is permitted three absences for any reason. Students missing three classes or less will get 3 points. Any absences above the permitted four will result in a 1-point deduction for each such absence. Students shall keep track of their own number of absences.

Exams
There will be three exams consisting of 2 midterms and one final. The final may not be comprehensive. However, your instructor reserves the right to administer a comprehensive final exam if he deems it appropriate. All three exams are mandatory. Students will be tested on materials from lectures, assigned readings from the text, and any hand-outs distributed in class or electronically. Make-up exams are not permitted and will only be offered at the discretion of the instructor if the student advised the instructor of the need to miss a scheduled exam far in advance and as soon as possible for the student. The offering of a make-up exam will only be considered where the exam was missed because of extreme and serious circumstances.

**Assignments**

There will be nine article comments/critiques. The articles will be handed out in class. Your comments/critiques are to be turned in as a team. The entire team is assigned a grade for each article. Each group will turn in one copy. You select your own group, and each group can have up to 3 students.

The comments/critiques are designed for you to find and solve the problems on your own. Generally, they should include three parts as follows:

1) Summary,
2) Problems/Challenges,
3) Critiques/Comments.

**Blackboard**

This class will make use of a web-based web site using Blackboard. Syllabi, handouts, assignments and other sources are types of information that may be available within this site. Site activities could include exchanging email, engaging in class discussions, and exchanging files. In addition, class email rosters will be a component of the site. Students who do not want their names included in this electronic class roster should consult with the university to restrict their directory information.

**Academic Dishonesty**

If academic dishonesty does become a problem, I will follow standard university procedures without exceptions.

**Students with Disabilities**

Any student who feels that he or she may need an accommodation for any sort of disability should consult with the university so that arrangements can be made.