Course Description and Objectives:
Finance 4318 is designed to cover (1) Business strategy analysis for developing an understanding of a firm’s competitive positioning within its industry, its key success factors and risks; (2) Accounting analysis for judging how effectively a firm’s financial statements reflect its business economics and strategy, and for adjusting financial statements if needed; (3) Financial analysis for examining ratios and cash flow measures of operating and financial performance; and (4) Prospective analysis for constructing meaningful forecasts of future performance and estimating firm valuation.
Applications include: (1) Security analysis; (2) Credit analysis; (3) Analysis of mergers and acquisitions and corporate restructuring; (4) Analysis of financial policies, such as capital structure and dividend policy; and (5) Analysis of management communication strategies and corporate governance.

Attendance policy:
Persistent tardiness will not be tolerated. A student that has either poor attendance or chronic tardiness will be dropped from the course with a W or F as cumulative grades indicate to that point in time.

Grade Determination:
The course grade will be based on the following:
- Midterm Exam 30% (chapters 1-8)
- Final Exam 30% (chapters 9-13).
- Case Studies or term project 40%.


Withdrawal from Course:
After the course drop deadline, withdrawal from a course initiated by the student will result in a grade of “F”. A grade of “W” can be assigned after the course deadline only under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the instructor and the academic dean for the course. The student must petition for the “W” grade in writing and provide the necessary supporting documentation and must be passing the course. Under no circumstance can a student receive a “W” after he or she has completed the course.

Last day to withdrawal with an automatic “W” is OCTOBER 28, 2005.
Last day for complete withdrawal from the University is DECEMBER 1, 2005.

Final Examination Schedule:
Thursday, DEC 9 at 7:00PM.