

***** NEW INDEPENDENT STUDY IN INSURANCE *****
Fall 2010

In view of the Katie School's industry partners (and **your** future employer's) desire for risk management and insurance students to have enhanced financial acumen, as well as to earn CPCU credit, we are undertaking the following change to the Independent Study course:

Students wishing to earn 3 credit hours for independent study in insurance are encouraged to sign up for FIL 287.02 with Dr. Flanigan in COB 427 (or his TA). The Independent Study will be based on the CPCU 540 curriculum (Finance for Risk Management and Insurance Professionals).

The topics included are:

- Basics of Corporate Finance
- Financial Statements
- Sources of Additional Financial and Nonfinancial Information
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Working Capital Management
- Time Value of Money
- Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
- Bonds and Stocks
- Operating Environment and Corporate Finance
- Insurer Investment Strategies
- Insurer Income and Dividend Policy
- Insurer Capital: Needs and Sources
- Capital Structure of Insurers
- Making Capital Investment Decisions
- Mergers and Acquisitions

The learning objectives are:

- Understand how the functional areas of finance and accounting apply to risk management and insurance
- Develop financial analysis skills related to insurance companies
- Understand insurer investment strategies as well as mergers and acquisitions

Grading Criteria

1. If you pass this exam, you earn an "A"
2. If you do not pass the exam your grade will be based on the following:
 - a. Attendance the review sessions
 - b. Demonstrated effort in preparation for the exam including completion of study guide assignments, completion of practice exams.
3. Students can earn as high as a "B" if they complete all their assignments and have demonstrated progress throughout the semester.
4. Students must take the CPCU test during Spring 2010 semester or early Summer 2010 and a grade promotion to "A" will be made after the time of grade notification from AICPCU.

This insurance Independent Study replaces the program formerly operated by Dr. Flanigan. It will include more than self-study (instruction). There will be scheduled review sessions provided by the Katie School, beginning Friday, January 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (approx. 2 hours) and will meet every two weeks thereafter.

The usual financial aid for CPCU will be provided by the Katie School. Students will sign up for the exam through the Katie School and will only be responsible for \$30 of the exam fee. Upon successful completion of the exam, students will earn \$230. For further specific details about the fees, go to (http://katieschool.org/undergraduate/cpcu/cpcu_details.shtml#fees).

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