FNAN 321: Financial Institutions

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LOCATION: Fairfax Campus – Enterprise Hall - Room 238

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

REQUIRED READING/TEXT:
Overheads and other course notes/spreadsheets on Blackboard.
Online course site: https://confoundedinterest.net/

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An overview of financial institutions with emphasis on the economy and financial assets, including stocks, corporate bonds, Treasuries and the banking system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
This course is designed to provide the student with a broad, basic foundation in the various disciplines involved financial markets. Students will be able to:

- Understand the economic environment globally, nationally and locally
- Define, discuss and interpret the fundamental concepts introduced in the course.
- Analyze and evaluate case studies.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:
The required TEXT will provide the basis for the major segments of the course.

EVALUATION AND GRADING:
Class participation: 10% Preparation, creativity, solution viability and presentation in answering questions on the required reading and periodic assignments. will be considered

First Midterm Exam: 30%
Second Midterm Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:
GMU is an Honor Code University; please see the University Catalog for a full description of the code and the honor committee process. The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated gravely. Vigorous discussion and debate are encouraged in this course, with the firm expectation that all aspects of the class will be conducted with civility and respect for differing ideas, perspectives, and traditions. When in doubt (of any kind) please ask for guidance and clarification.

GMU EMAIL ACCOUNTS:
Students must activate their GMU email accounts to receive important University information, including messages related to this class.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY RESOURCES:
If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 703 993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the ODS. http://ods.gmu.edu

UNIVERSITY POLICIES:
The University Catalog, http://catalog.gmu.edu, is the central resource for University policies affecting student, faculty, and staff conduct in University affairs.