**MCMS-Piscataway**

**Financial Markets & Institutions**

**Class** : **Finance & Banking IV** **Instructor**: Ms. Valerie Gardner

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**Title**: Financial Markets & Institutions

**Institute:** School of Computer and Business Technology

**Course Description:** Students will understand the features of financial markets and institutions in the US. They will understand the nature and evaluation of money and its role in determining the overall level of economic activity. Students will also examine the role of banking, central banking, and monetary policy as they apply to financial instruments and institutions in the context of global financial markets.

***Textbook/Materials:***

Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, Cecchetti and Schoenholtz, 6rd Edition, Published 2021

***Learning Outcomes***:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

* List and explain the six parts of the financial system.
* Identify the five core principles of money and banking.
* Define money and explain what financial instruments are.
* Understand, interact with, and operate in financial markets and institutions.
* Understand the role and objectives of central banks.
* Explore the relationship between inflation and money growth, the business cycle, and other economic indicators used by monetary policy makers.
* Improve competence working with economic and financial market data.
* Apply course concepts to real-world and hypothetical economic shocks.
* Conduct economic research and analysis.
* Retrieve, analyze, and interpret the economic and finance literature and provide policy recommendations.
* Communicate effectively through written reports, oral presentations and discussion.

***Grading Standard***:

Unit Quizzes and Exams: Students will take periodic quizzes and end of chapter exams. Any student who does not achieve a passing score on an exam has the opportunity to retest. Before retesting, the student should meet with the instructor to review for the exam.

Research & Writing Assignment(s): Students will be required to submit one or more assignments which include research and writing. The instructor will provide directions for the assignment(s) to the students. They may include, but are not limited to: : a formal research paper, current events analysis, short reaction papers, internet assignments, presentation of research, etc.

To pass the course, the final grade, using the above calculation, must be 65 or greater, and the student must have passed at least two unit exams (by initial testing or by retesting), and the student must have passed the research & writing assignment(s).

A+ = 98-100 A = 92-97 A- = 90-91 B+ = 86-89 B = 82-85 B- = 80-81

C+ = 76-79      C = 72-75    C- = 70-71 D = 65-69      F   = 64 or below

Test/Projects: 35% Quizzes: 25% Classwork: 25% Participation/Homework: 15%

Attendance Policy: Regular attendance is critical to success in this course. Students are expected to make up any missed classes and assignments. Students have 3 days to make up any work they missed.