

IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs
V526 Financial Management for Public, Health, and Not-for-Profit Organizations
Spring 2007
Thursday evenings – 6:00 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.
Building and room – SPEA – Room #3019

Instructor information

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Contact information

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Availability

I do not have standard office hours but will make every attempt to be available with a little advanced notice.

As required by school policy, use on-course for non-emergency communications.

Course goal and overview

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will

- Understand roles, functions, responsibilities, and relationships of boards, stakeholders, and financial managers of nonprofits
- Understand financial reporting of nonprofits, health, and governments entities
- Understand differences in financial management practices among nonprofits, government agencies, and private companies.
- Be able to analyze the financial situation of nonprofit organization
- Understand the organizational and human factors in budgetary decision-making and financial management
- Be able to prepare operating, cash, and capital budgets
- Understand basic investment and financing strategies
- Understand the impact of economic, social, and demographic factors on nonprofit financial management.
- Understand the impact of financial policies on financial management
- Be aware of current events affecting Not-for-Profit financial reporting

Additional skills helpful (but not required) to complete the course successfully would include

- Basic accounting knowledge
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office software (excel and power point)
- Ability to work in a group setting

Textbook – required

Financial Management for Public, Health, and Not-for-Profit Organizations

Second Edition

Author: Steven A. Finkler

Students are expected to bring their books to each class session.

Course policies

Students are encouraged to attend and participate in class. Attendance will be taken.

Homework assignments will be reviewed by the instructor provided they are submitted at the each of each class period. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Although much of the course work is an individual effort, each student will be assigned to a group for some group projects. Each group will make at least one class presentation. The group project will be graded by the instructor but individual participation/performance within the group will be graded by fellow group members. Each student's grade will include a combination of both grades.

Currently four exams will be issued. Make-up tests will NOT be provided without advance permission. Appropriate documentation of the absence may be requested. The final exam, if offered, will be optional.

No extra credit is available.

A course outline with homework assignments and exam dates is attached. The instructor reserves the right to modify the outline as needed to more effectively cover the course material.

Related IUPUI/S.P.E.A. policies

Each student is expected to know and follow various university policies. Policies applicable to this course and attached as a syllabus addendum are

- Academic Misconduct
- Civility
- Communication between Faculty and Students
- Course withdrawal
- Incomplete grade and/or grade changes
- Military students called to active duty
- Final exams

Also students are expected to be in compliance with the IUPUI Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. This document can be obtained through the IUPUI Office of the Dean of Students.

Course grade

Exams (average) – 85%

Group assignment/participate – 10%

Class attendance, participation, and homework - 5%