The ability to use spreadsheet-based analytical and modeling tools is a necessity in today's workplace, regardless of one's function. This course will build on students' foundational understanding of financial accounting and corporate finance, strengthen students' skills in analyzing corporate financial statements while developing the tools and techniques necessary to apply such analyses, which serve as the cornerstone of sound business decision making.

As a 15-week course, FIN 7000 offers both breadth and depth into the subject matter: Unit 1 will focus on dissecting a company's financial statements to tell its 'story'. Unit 2 demonstrates the art and science of building dynamic financial models, while Unit 3 presents different examples of decision modeling using dynamic financial models such as business case, cost/benefit, breakeven, and accretion/dilution analyses.

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