

COURSE SYLLABUS

YEAR COURSE OFFERED 2015

SEMESTER COURSE OFFERED: Spring

DEPARTMENT: Finance

COURSE NUMBER: 4330

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NAME OF INSTRUCTOR: Ronald F Singer

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