This course covers topics that lie at the intersection of financial markets and organizational strategy. The course focuses on how information is generated and incentives formed in markets and firms, especially in capital markets. Attention will be given to the relevant legal factors. This course will be of interest to you if you want to know more about any of the following:

- Optimal capital structure: Debt vs. Equity
- Controlling agency problems associated with debt
- Controlling agency problems associated with dispersed ownership
- Closely held vs. Publicly held stock
- Control Premia and minority shareholder rights
- The market for corporate control and takeovers
- The securities laws, IPOs, and insider trading,
- Private equity and leveraged buyouts
- Comparative financial systems
- Corporate Governance
- Asymmetric information and capital structure
- Stock market liquidity
- Dividend policy
- Earnings manipulations and accounting fraud
- Transfer Pricing and overhead allocation
- Arms-length vs. relational contracting
- Accounting vs Market based Compensation schemes
- Managerial Entrenchment
- Managerial Stock Options
- Bankruptcy and reorganization
- Fiduciary duties and Proxy fights
- Derivative suits
- The role of institutional investors
- The impact of irrational investors
- The impact of irrational managers