Assurance of Learning Guide
Masters of Science in Finance (MSF) Program

**Learning Goal 1: Critical Thinking**
*Students will demonstrate an understanding of financial problems.*

1.1: Students will be able to identify financial problems and provide appropriate solutions.

1.2: Students will be able to identify key issues and choices facing a decision-maker and use appropriate methodology to come to a decision.

1.3: Students will be able to analyze and constructively criticize analyses prepared by others.

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**Learning Goal 2: Communication**
*Students will be able to communicate effectively in a business context.*

2.1: Students will be able to produce quality documents.

2.2: Students will be able to prepare a well-organized presentation.

2.3: Students’ communication demonstrates a well-reasoned response to a situation.

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### Learning Goal 3: Ethics

*Students will be knowledgeable about ethical standards for professional conduct.*

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<th>3.1:</th>
<th>Students will be able to identify ethics standards in the profession.</th>
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<td>Students will be able to identify activities/issues that may present ethical challenges.</td>
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<td>Students will be able to articulate the consequences associated with unethical behavior.</td>
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### Learning Goal 4: Business Knowledge

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<th>Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the effect of financial decisions on shareholder value and contrast them with stakeholders' interests.</th>
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<td>Students will be able to describe how different types of securities are structured, valued and used in fashioning an effective financial or investment strategy.</td>
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<td>Students will be able to explain the concept of risk, describe investment and risk management strategies, and describe the tools used in managing risk.</td>
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<td>Students will use and apply appropriate software in developing financial solutions.</td>
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