Finance 461 - Property and Liability Risk Management

As a driver, have you ever been frustrated by the high cost of insurance? As a manager, do you worry about how to manage the business property and liability risks for your company? As an employee, do you know how workers compensation can protect you? As a small business owner, did you ever search for help from business income insurance? A newly designed course, which is being offered for the first time ever in Southern California, will answer all those questions.

A Special Course Designed to Serve Your Insurance Needs

Who can take Fin 461? All business major students, both undergraduate and graduate

Course Description
The course covers major commercial property and liability insurance lines. This will include commercial property, business income, general liability, workers compensation, business owner insurance and the operation of property-liability insurers. The primary objective of this course is to study property and liability at an advanced level on the following topics:

1. Contract analysis on private auto and homeowner insurance
2. Duties and roles of a corporate risk manager
3. Features of major property and liability insurance lines and the scope and limitations of major contracts
4. Functions and operations of property and liability insurers
5. Current issues and trends on property and liability insurance and regulatory issues

How the course will help you:
Class work and field trips will provide students with an understanding of risk management in property and liability insurance. The course is intended to equip students for careers with property and liability insurance companies, large corporations with risk management departments, insurance brokers specializing in commercial insurance, or with entrepreneurs interested in managing business risk. In addition, it is expected that the course will aid agents or employees in insurance companies to pass their CPCU exam. By taking this course students will also become eligible to apply for insurance scholarships, such as the Mercury Insurance, Pacific Life Insurance, and other CIS Insurance Scholarships. Finally, the group project will expose students to local business owners and insurance brokers, and give them the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with insurance professionals.

When is Fin 461 available?

Spring 2014: Wednesday, 7:00-9:45pm, Prof. John Cross

Guest Speakers include: Senior executives from insurance industry and insurance professionals. Field trips to insurance companies will be arranged.