New Undergraduate Finance Elective for Spring 2006

C15.0050 – Mergers, Acquisitions and Restructuring  
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This course will present the theories and empirical evidence on mergers, acquisitions and restructuring. The effects of various policy options will be analyzed in the context of their effects on firms’ value. The first group of topics will include mergers and acquisitions, and include evaluating acquisition targets. Strategies of acquisition will be studied as well as defensive measures against hostile acquisitions, their purpose and their consequences. The second group of topics will deal with restructuring transactions and strategies. This will include divestitures (spin-offs and sell-offs) and restructuring in leverage buyouts (LBOs) – their advantages and disadvantages and their effects on the firm’s value. Next, the course will consider reorganization under financial distress and bankruptcy and management reorganization.

The course will combine lecture material, analysis of cases, quantitative and qualitative analyses and discussions of relevant news on such transactions. The course is a suitable elective for students majoring in Finance and will also be of interest to students in Management and Strategy.

Prerequisites: C15.0008 – Topics in Corporate Finance