Syllabus
SIE567 – Financial Modeling for Innovation
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Description: Financial Modeling for Innovation (3 units):
This a graduate level course in the economics of technology development for students interested in commercializing research discovery. Topics include Pro Forma financial statements, the time value of money, valuation approaches, and entrepreneurship.

Prerequisites: Graduate Student Status in Engineering or Science. No prior knowledge of engineering economics required. Students are expected to be reasonably proficient with Microsoft Excel.

Reference: Contemporary Engineering Economics, 4th Edition, by Chan S. Park. Note that 3rd Edition Textbooks are OK as well as any international (soft cover) editions. Note this text is NOT required.

D2L Course: This class will use web-based D2L (Desire to Learn) as the means of distributing class materials including class assignments. All assignments are expected to be uploaded into Dropboxes on or before the due dates. You will need a UANet ID to access D2L at the following site: http://d2l.arizona.edu/.

Course objectives: This course introduces students to concepts of economic analysis and profitability. Specific outcomes include:
1. Understanding concepts related to the time value of money.
3. Ability to create financial statements to evaluate the economic potential of research discovery.
4. Ability to determine the economic viability, financing required, and ownership outcomes of new ventures.

Grading: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:
30% - Final Exam
70% - Term Projects