

**Full Course Title:** Global Financial Integrity: Banking Transparency and Illicit International Transactions

**Course Title for Registration System:** GFI: Banking Transparency

**Course Number:** SIPAU9000.023

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**Meeting Date/s Times:** Wednesdays 9:00A – 10:50A

**Location:** IAB 501A

**Office Hours:** By Appointment

**Credits:** 3

**Course Overview:**

**Brief description of client:**

Global Financial Integrity (GFI) promotes national and multilateral policies, safeguards, and agreements aimed at curtailing the cross-border flow of illegal money. In putting forward solutions, facilitating strategic partnerships, and conducting groundbreaking research, GFI is leading the way in efforts to curtail illicit financial flows and enhance global development and security.

**Summary of project (one paragraph):** This project will focus on international differences in banking transparency practices and the effects those differences have on illicit international transactions. This is already the subject of work by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the inter-governmental body whose purpose is the development and promotion of national and international policies to combat money laundering. The FATF originally published 40 Recommendations in order to meet this objective. These recommendations are recognized as the global anti-money laundering standard against which all countries' programs can be measured because they have been effective tools in the fight against money laundering. For the project, these standards will be compared against individual country practices in banking transparency.

**Deliverables to client:**

**Special skills/knowledge needed by team members:** Micro and macroeconomics

**Initial meeting(s) with your student team in late November or early December, if applicable:**

**Dates for meetings with client, if already scheduled:**

**Student selection:** [All eligible students may apply for up to five workshops through a special online application process from October 15<sup>th</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Assignment of students will be coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs, and relevant faculty will be consulted about team membership for

their workshop(s).]

**Grading (students receive an individual grade):**

Grades for the workshop will be based on the following criteria:

Quality of individual written work (10%)

Quality of participation in class, Peer review (20%)

Feedback from the client (20%)

Overall professionalism, including timeliness, ability to work with team, etc. (20%)

Quality of team's final report and briefing (30%)

**Readings: Will be determined**

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