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Dept of Applied Finance and Actuarial Studies

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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
ACST603 or AFIN858 or (admission to MIntRelMIntComTrdeComLaw or MIntTrdeComLaw or PGDipIntTrdeComLaw or PGCertIntTrdeComLaw)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit is concerned with the analytical techniques of international finance and investment. Topics include global flow of funds and international financial markets, foreign exchange markets, interest parity, arbitrage and currency speculation, purchasing power parity, real effective exchange, commodity swaps, short and long-term hedging of foreign currency risks, futures and options in currencies.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes

1. Understand and appreciate changes in the global financial market that impact on international financial management.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of new investment techniques, markets and risk management models.
3. Critically evaluate advanced concepts relating to foreign exchange, financial derivatives, transaction exposure, capital structure and international portfolio theory.
General Assessment Information

“It is the responsibility of students to view their marks for each within session assessment on iLearn within 20 working days of posting. If there are any discrepancies, students must contact the unit convenor immediately. Failure to do so will mean that queries received after the release of final results regarding assessment marks (not including the final exam mark) will not be addressed.”

Assessment Tasks

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Assignment

Due: **Friday 27 May 1pm**

Weighting: **25%**

No extensions will be granted. Late tasks will be accepted up to 72 hours after the submission deadline. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission – 20% penalty). This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved.

This assessment is composed of two parts.

In groups, students will be asked to prepare a presentation of one of the topics covered this semester. They are expected to be able to use real life examples of the content and explain in necessary detail. This is worth 5%

The groups will also be used to complete a group assignment based on an assessment of the financial management of a major Australian multinational. This is worth 20%.

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Class Test
Due: **Week 6**
Weighting: **15%**

The class test will be held in lectures in week 6 and include written and or multiple choice style questions.

There will be no supplementary test.

Students who have applied for special consideration and it has been approved will receive a verbal examination by two staff members.

You are permitted ONE A4 page of paper containing reference material printed on both sides. The material must be handwritten. The page will not be returned at the end of the examination.

More details regarding the exam will be made on iLearn closer to the exam date.

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Quizzes
Due: **Refer to iLearn**
Weighting: **10%**

There shall be 5 quizzes worth 1% each.

There will also be an additional 5% allocated for the creation of topic relevant questions in peerwise to prove their understanding of the material.

No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the task prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved. In this case the average score will be awarded.

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Final Exam
Due: Saturday 11 June
Weighting: 50%

To be eligible to pass the unit, a pass is required in the final examination.

You are permitted ONE A4 page of paper containing reference material printed on both sides. The material must be handwritten. The page will not be returned at the end of the examination.

The final exam will consist of an unmarked online exam.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes
• Students should attend one 3 hour class per week.
• The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/

Prizes
• Prizes for this unit (if applicable). http://www.businessandeconomics.mq.edu.au/undergraduate_degrees/prizes_scholarships

Required and Recommended texts and/or materials
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Set chapters for each topic’s lecture are drawn from this text and identified in the lecture topic table below. Students should read these chapters prior to the lecture, so that they are familiar with the material to be covered. This will greatly enhance your learning experience.

Required texts can be purchased from the Macquarie University Co-op Bookshop.

Technology Used and Required

- Financial non-programmable calculators can be used in the unit. A financial calculator is not essential as a scientific non-programmable calculator should meet all your needs (calculation of the Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is not required in any of the assessment tasks). Note: Only non-programmable calculators without text retrieval functionality are allowed for use in the unit’s assessments tasks.
- Excel or similar spreadsheeting tool will be required to complete the assignment.
- Students should have access to the internet.

Unit Web Page

- Course material and announcements are available on the learning management system (iLearn).

Unit Schedule

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<td>5 &amp; 6</td>
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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


Note:

These dates are subject to change.

All chapters relate to the relevant chapter numbers in the prescribed textbook.


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Supplementary Examinations**

*Further information regarding supplementary exams, including dates, is available here [http://www.businessandeconomics.mq.edu.au/current_students/undergraduate/how_do_i/special_consideration](http://www.businessandeconomics.mq.edu.au/current_students/undergraduate/how_do_i/special_consideration)*

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.
IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills
Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking
Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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**PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Changes from Previous Offering**

Chapter 15 has been removed.

**Research and Practice**

• This unit gives you opportunities to conduct your own research
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