



AFIN8003

Banking and Financial Intermediation

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Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

(Admission to MActPrac or MFin) or (ACST603 or ACST6003 or AFIN6012 or ECON649 or ECON6049)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit applies finance theory to the context of operational decision-making and risk management in banking and financial intermediation. The major decision areas for banking management are covered within a regulatory and corporate responsibility framework. Major risks of banks and financial intermediation are being examined.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Examine how financial institutions provide a special set of services to households and firms.

ULO2: Explain how banks are regulated and why their risk-taking activities are subject to regulatory oversight.

ULO3: Evaluate the risks which banks face and demonstrate how these risks are managed.

ULO4: Assess adequacy of a bank's capital base.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

Feedback prior to the census date: Please use the weekly homework problems as an indicator of whether you are progressing satisfactorily in the unit. If you are having difficulties, please see the unit convenor and consider withdrawing before the census date.

Assessment criteria for all assessment tasks will be provided on the unit iLearn site.

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.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Required technology:

Non-programmable calculator

Lecture and workshop times:

Students are required to enrol in one three-hour class per week and attend the class in which they are enrolled. See details from the University timetable.

Learning and teaching strategy:

Face to face - Classes typically consist of a one-hour workshop followed by a two-hour

lecture. Workshops are used to review the homework problems and to apply concepts to more difficult problems. Participation is strongly encouraged for you to check your progress towards achieving the learning outcomes for the unit. Lectures are used to set the scene and show how the topic fits into the overall unit of study aims.

Print - The textbook for the unit is Lange, H., Saunders, A. and Cornett, M.M. (2015), *Financial Institutions Management: A Risk Management Approach*, 4th edition, McGraw-Hill (denoted LSC on the reading list). Textbook material will be supplemented by articles and handouts. Chapters from the textbook and specified articles should be read prior to attending the scheduled lecture on that topic. Homework problems will be assigned at the end of lectures and these should be completed before coming to the workshop the following week. Important handouts can be downloaded from the unit's iLearn site.

Online - iLearn (<https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>) provides the main online learning support. It is essential that you log in at least twice per week to keep abreast of unit-wide announcements and use the resources to supplement your learning. Lecture slides are available by the Friday before each lecture for you to download from iLearn. Solutions to homework problems are made available online after the problems are discussed in the workshop.

Unit Schedule

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Week	Commencing	Topic	Reading
1	24 Feb	Financial intermediation 1	LSC chapters 1-2
2	2 March	Financial intermediation 2	LSC chapters 3-4
3	9 March	Interest rate risk 1	LSC chapters 5-6
4	16 March	Interest rate risk 1	LSC chapters 7-8
5	23 March	Credit risk 1	LSC chapter 10
6	30 March	Credit risk 2	LSC chapter 11
7	6 April	MID SESSION TEST	-

8	27 April	No class – assignment work	-
9	4 May	Liquidity risk	LSC chapters 14-15
10	11 May	International risks	LSC chapters 12-13
11	18 May	OBS risk. Operational risk.	LSC chapters 16-17
12	25 May	Capital management	LSC chapter 18
13	1 June	Review	-

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Supplementary exams

Information regarding supplementary exams, including dates, is available at:

http://www.businessandeconomics.mq.edu.au/current_students/undergraduate/how_do_i/disruption_to_studies

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

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

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and 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.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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.