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Finance 1B

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Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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10

Prerequisites
ACST101 or ACST1001 or ACST152 or ACST1052 or WACT101 or WACT1001

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces students to the financial sector, preparing them for more advanced studies in finance, and developing their interest in a career in finance. It explains the theories, principles and methods used in financial decision-making by individuals, financial institutions and companies, and applies them to the real world using current examples and market data. It further explores financial institutions and markets, and other real world considerations that affect financial transactions of individuals, financial institutions, companies and governments in a modern economy. This is an interesting and relevant unit for students intending to undertake further studies in any area of business and economics, and is required for further studies in finance. Students without a background of at least HSC Mathematics (2 Unit) or equivalent are strongly advised to have studied MATH1913 prior to enrolling in this unit.

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: Recognise fundamental concepts in corporate finance and investment management.

ULO2: Express financial concepts in mathematical formulas and then applied in valuing equity, debt, property and business projects.

ULO3: Apply financial theory to real world corporate and personal finanicial decisions.

ULO4: Analyse real financial data to evaluate the well-being of companies.

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

Consultation: Teacher consultation times will be posted to iLearn.

Questions: Subject-related questions whose answer is useful to everyone should be posted to the iLearn discussion board. Questions of a personal nature can be sent to your teacher.

Late assessments: No extensions will be granted. 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. No submission will be accepted after solutions have been posted.

Marks in gradebook: It is the responsibility of students to view their marks for each within-session-assessment on iLearn within 20 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 tasks (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

Delivery and Resources

Recommended Text:	Not compulsory, but can be helpful. Fundamentals of Corporate Finance by Berk, Demarzo, Harford, Ford, and Mollica, published by Pearson. Any edition is fine but the third edition is the latest. A copy of the book is reserved in the library.
Unit Web Page:	Course materials are available on iLearn including lecture notes, tutorial questions, answers and readings.
Technology Used and Required:	
Delivery Format and Other Details:	See timetable for classes on the University web site at: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/
Other Recommended Readings:	For students who are looking for other learning resources, the following textbook can be sought, but it's not compulsory: Corporate Finance (11th Edition) by Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe, and Jordan, published by McGraw Hill. The Charted Financial Analyst (CFA) institute also has some useful resources: http://www.cfainstitute.org/learning/products/onlinelearning/Pages/60499.aspx?WPID=BrowseProducts
Other Course Materials:	**Homework:** Homework will be provided on the website FightFinance.com which is maintained by staff. It's free and useful for practicing questions since it provides immediate feedback with the correct solutions.

Unit Schedule

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Lecture	Monday date	Topic
1	24 Feb	Investment assets, effective returns and inflation. Tutorials scheduled in first week.
2	2 Mar	Discounted cash flow and multiples valuation.
3	9 Mar	Debt valuation, annualised percentage rates and yield curves. **Online quiz** (5%) due midnight Friday 13 March.
4	16 Mar	Cash flows and unlevered project valuation.
5	23 Mar	Interest tax shields, cost of capital and levered business project valuation.
6	30 Mar	**Mid-session test** (20%) in lectures covering lecture topics 1 to 6 inclusive.
7	6 Apr	Return, risk, diversification and Markowitz portfolio theory.
Recess from Monday 13 April to Friday 24 April.		

8	27 Apr	Capital asset pricing model.
9	4 May	Market efficiency.
10	11 May	Capital raising and payout policy. **Assignment (25%)** due midnight Sunday 17 May.
11	18 May	Return distributions.
12	25 May	Ethics and foreign exchange.
13	1 Jun	Revision

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). 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). 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).

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.