AFIN8067

International Financial Management

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites (Admission to MActPrac or MFin) or (ACST603 or ACST6003 or AFIN6012 or AFIN613 or AFIN6013 or AFIN858 or MGNT603 or ACCG6003 or MGNT808)
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. Students will be equipped with the skills to critically analyse international currency and interest rate hedging activities as well as distinguish between international funding sources.

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: Critically analyse current changes in global financial markets that impact on international financial management, in particular exchange rate risk, capital structure and operational risks.

ULO3: Evaluate advanced concepts relating to foreign exchange, financial derivatives, transaction exposure, capital structure and international portfolio theory.

ULO2: Examine new and current investment techniques, markets and risk management models.

ULO4: Develop and apply teamwork skills to attain effective and professional group outcomes.

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

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 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.

Late submissions and extensions

Tasks 10% or less – 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.

Tasks above 10% - 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.

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

Classes

- Students should attend the scheduled 3 hour lectures.
- The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: http://www.timetable s.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

- International Financial Management: 7th Edition Eun & Resnick, Publisher: McGraw-Hill Irwin Copyright
- 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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Week No.	Date (Week Beginning)	Topic	Chapters
1	24 February	Foundations of International Financial Management 1	1, 2, 3 & 4
2	2 March	The Foreign Exchange Market 1	5 & 6
3	9 March	The Foreign Exchange Market 2	7
4	16 March	Foreign Exchange Exposure	8, 9 & 10
5	23 March	World Financial Markets 1	11
6	30 March	World Financial Markets 2	12 & 13
7	6 April	World Financial Markets 3	14
	13 April	Mid Semester Break	
	20 April	Mid Semester Break	
8	27 April	Mid Semester Exam	
9	4 May	Library Research Presentation Syndicate Project Introduction	
10	11 May	World Financial Markets 4 (Work on Syndicate Project in class)	15
11	18 May	Financial Management of the Multinational Firm 1 (Work on Syndicate Project in class)	16 & 17
12	25 May	Financial Management of the Multinational Firm 3 (Work on Syndicate Project in class)	18 & 19
13	1 June	Financial Management of the Multinational Firm 3 (Work on Syndicate Project in class)	20 & 21

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

No changes from previous offering.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
13/02/2020	Adjustment to Unit Schedule