



# ACCG8305

## CPA - Financial Risk Management

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*Department of Accounting & Corporate Governance*

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#### Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

## General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(ACCG907 or ACCG8307) and (ACCG908 or ACCG8308) and (ACCG913 or ACCG8313)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides extended formal academic support for students concurrently enrolled in the Financial Risk Management unit of the CPA program. It provides knowledge, principles, skills and an appreciation of the treasury function in a corporate environment. It presents an overview of various aspects of treasury focusing on the identification and management of financial risks that organisations face. The unit also addresses investment evaluation, the sourcing of necessary funds for an organisation, and the application of and accounting for hedge instruments. In addition, the unit considers the need for suitable controls within the treasury function.

## 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:** Demonstrate an understanding of the different financial risks that companies face

and formulate strategies to manage these financial risks

**ULO2:** Analyse practical elements of accounting for derivatives, including embedded derivatives used for hedging purposes

**ULO3:** Apply accounting standards for recording financial transactions

**ULO4:** Analyse the significance for companies having adequate controls to safeguard against financial loss and propose specific policies and procedures to reduce risk

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u><a href="#">Class Test 1</a></u>	20%	No	26 August
<u><a href="#">Class Test 2</a></u>	20%	No	23 September
<u><a href="#">Business Report</a></u>	20%	No	10 November
<u><a href="#">Class participation</a></u>	10%	No	Each week
<u><a href="#">CPA External Exam</a></u>	30%	Yes	14 October to 2 November

### Class Test 1

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **26 August**

Weighting: **20%**

A class test comprising of multiple-choice questions will be conducted online. This test is designed to provide feedback to students on their level of understanding of key topics and concepts covered and to identify any particular learning challenges or areas of difficulties.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different financial risks that companies face and formulate strategies to manage these financial risks
- Analyse practical elements of accounting for derivatives, including embedded derivatives used for hedging purposes
- Apply accounting standards for recording financial transactions
- Analyse the significance for companies having adequate controls to safeguard against financial loss and propose specific policies and procedures to reduce risk

## Class Test 2

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **23 September**

Weighting: **20%**

A class test comprising of multiple-choice questions will be conducted online. This test is designed to provide feedback to students on their level of understanding of key topics and concepts covered and to identify any particular learning challenges or areas of difficulties.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different financial risks that companies face and formulate strategies to manage these financial risks
- Analyse practical elements of accounting for derivatives, including embedded derivatives used for hedging purposes
- Apply accounting standards for recording financial transactions
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## Business Report

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 36 hours

Due: **10 November**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will write a 1,500 word report (worth 10%) and each student will give a 5-minute presentation (worth 10%) outlining their findings and recommendations. The focus of the task will be to identify the key financial risks of a (public listed) company allocated to the team. The team will need to propose methods to manage the risks and identify suitable benchmarks to measure Treasury's performance.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the different financial risks that companies face and formulate strategies to manage these financial risks
- Analyse practical elements of accounting for derivatives, including embedded derivatives

used for hedging purposes

## Class participation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 24 hours

Due: **Each week**

Weighting: **10%**

Students are required to actively participate in class discussions both individually and in a group context when required. Prior preparation is necessary for active participation. The participation mark will be a result of attempting to participate, as well as the quality and frequency of that participation. Class participation is designed to encourage and help students achieve the learning outcomes of this unit.

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## CPA External Exam

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **14 October to 2 November**

Weighting: **30%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

Examination administered by CPA Australia. CPA Australia will advise on the format and topics included in the final exam. Students need to achieve at least a PASS mark in this CPA external examination. If students do not pass this CPA examination, students will not pass this unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Analyse the significance for companies having adequate controls to safeguard against financial loss and propose specific policies and procedures to reduce risk

<sup>1</sup> If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

- Required Text CPA Program: CPA Financial Risk Management 3rd Edition, Deakin University, Geelong, Published June 2018
- Unit Web Page [www.mq.edu.au](http://www.mq.edu.au)
- Technology Used and Required Familiarity with iLearn and access to a computer
- Delivery Format and Other Details Timetable found at <http://timetables.mq.edu.au>
- Recommended Readings CPA Financial Risk Management text
- Other Course Materials As suggested in the CPA text

## Unit Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Module 1 Introduction to Financial Risk Management
2	Module 2 Management of Liquidity, Debt and Equity
3	Module 3 Investment Evaluation & Capital Structure
4	Module 4 Derivatives
5	Module 5 Interest Rate Risk Management/ 1st Test
6	Module 6 Foreign Exchange & Commodity Price Management
7	Module 7 Accounting for Derivatives & Hedge Relationships
8	Module 8 Controlling Risks

9	2nd Test
10	Test results and Revision
11	Revision
	CPA Exams
12	Presentations & Project submitted
13	Presentations & Project submitted

## 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](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## 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](http://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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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/](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.