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Principles of Financial Literacy
Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2021
Department of Applied Finance

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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 activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face 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

Unit convenor and teaching staff
Unit Convenor
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
70cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit develops financial literacy, enabling students to understand what is needed to achieve a lifestyle that is financially sustainable, ethical and responsible. On completion of the unit, students will be able to set financial goals, establish a working budget, understand and distinguish between different investment instruments, and have the knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

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

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

ULO1: Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
ULO2: Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
ULO3: Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

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.

**Assessment Tasks**

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<td>27%</td>
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<td>Final Examination</td>
<td>55%</td>
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**Online Quiz**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 6 hours  
Due: see iLearn for Assessment Schedule  
Weighting: 27%

Student will be required to complete four online quizzes. The questions will be based on the materials covered.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
- Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

**Forum Discussion**

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours  
Due: see iLearn for Assessment Schedule  
Weighting: 18%
Students are required to contribute to the Discussion Forums. Details will be provided on the iLearn unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
- Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

**Final Examination**

**Assessment Type**: Examination  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 20 hours  
**Due**: to be advised during session  
**Weighting**: 55%

A 2 hour open book final exam will be held online.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
- Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

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1 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 Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 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**

This unit is delivered entirely online. There are no face to face classes or lectures. All assessment is undertaken online.

You study at your own pace. There are regular assessment deliverables (with prescribed dates and times) and these must be taken into account when preparing a study plan.

The unit has extensive materials available on iLearn including pre recorded videos, topic overviews and topic presentations.

It is important that you have access to reliable internet.
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/admin/other-resources/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

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.
Student Enquiry Service
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

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.