AFIN3010
Issues in Applied Finance
Session 2, Special circumstances 2021
Department of Applied Finance

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update
The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
Unit Convenor
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
10cp in ACST or AFIN units at 3000 level

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit gives students the opportunity to test how their finance skills can be applied in practice by exposure to leading industry professionals. The topics selected go beyond traditional corporate and investment finance, and include coverage of the latest issues and real world scenarios. Students will learn first hand from practitioners on current and future trends and skills required in finance to prepare them as they embark on their careers in the industry. The projects completed in the unit are carefully set in conjunction with the industry professionals, giving students the opportunity to show evidence of demonstrated learning and the application of finance knowledge from a broader perspective.

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**: Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.

**ULO2**: Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.

**ULO3**: Work cooperatively in a group to conduct analysis and report the findings and recommendations.

**ULO4**: Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial
General Assessment Information
Assessment criteria (including information about late submissions and extensions) for all assessment tasks will be provided on the unit iLearn site.

Assessment Tasks

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<td>Individual Assignment</td>
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<td>Mon 25th Oct</td>
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<td>Online Quiz</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Fri 5th Nov</td>
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<td>Final Examination</td>
<td>50%</td>
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Group Assignment
Assessment Type 1: Project
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Fri 17th Sept
Weighting: 25%

The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Students will be required to work in a group and produce a report of 1500 to 2000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.
- Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
- Work cooperatively in a group to conduct analysis and report the findings and recommendations.

Individual Assignment
Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 12 hours
Due: Mon 25th Oct
Weighting: 25%
The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Student will be required to submit a report of 1000 to 2000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.
- Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
- Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial sector.

Online Quiz
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 0.5 hours
Due: Fri 5th Nov
Weighting: 0%

The online quiz will consist of 5 to 10 multiple choice and / or short answer questions and will be available on iLearn. Please use the quiz result as an indicator of whether you are progressing satisfactorily in the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.

Final Examination
Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: University Examination Period
Weighting: 50%

An exam of two hours will be held during the University Examination Period.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.
• Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
• Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial sector.

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
No prescribed textbook required

Unit Schedule

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<td>Mahjabeen Zaman</td>
<td>An overview of risks within the investments industry</td>
<td>Senior Investment Specialist - Citi Australia</td>
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<td>Mahjabeen Zaman</td>
<td>Investment Trends in Wealth Management ES</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Hamid Yahyaei</td>
<td>Applied Fixed Income Analysis</td>
<td>Specialised Lecturer &amp; Senior Research Assistant</td>
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<td>Week 4</td>
<td>Hamid Yahyaei</td>
<td>Applied Fixed Income Analysis</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
<td>Simon Wong</td>
<td>Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Finance Industry</td>
<td>Hedge Fund Portfolio Manager and Lecturer</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Simon Wong</td>
<td>Cryptocurrency and decentralised finance</td>
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<td>Week 7</td>
<td>Frank Li</td>
<td>Multi Asset Portfolio Construction</td>
<td>Portfolio Manager at MLC Super Fund</td>
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<td>Week 8</td>
<td>David Beaton</td>
<td>Financial Modelling 1</td>
<td>Investment Director at John Laing an international originator, active investor and manager of infrastructure projects.</td>
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<td>Week 9</td>
<td>David Beaton</td>
<td>Financial Modelling 2 (pre-recorded lecture)</td>
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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

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://stu
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 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.