



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://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-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

sector.

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

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Group Assignment</u>	25%	No	Fri 17th Sept
<u>Individual Assignment</u>	25%	No	Mon 25th Oct
<u>Online Quiz</u>	0%	No	Fri 5th Nov
<u>Final Examination</u>	50%	No	University Examination Period

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 [Writing Centre](#) 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

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

Week 10	Anthony Passe-de silva	Business and Industry Analysis	Solutions Developer at ANZ
Week 11	Mark Hancock	Equity Analysis - 1	Managing Director of Precept Investment Actuaries Pty Ltd
Week 12	Mark Hancock	Equity Analysis - 2	

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<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) (<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) (<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://students.mq.edu.au>

dents.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.

Unit information based on version 2021.03 of the [Handbook](#)