



AFIN3053

Advanced Corporate 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

20cp at 2000 level including (AFIN250 or AFIN2050 or AFIN252 or AFIN253 or AFIN2053)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit challenges the student to consider a comprehensive set of factors that influence organisations in raising equity, payout policy, investment and finance decisions within a dynamic framework. Students need to be able to appreciate the theoretical and practical implications of the multifaceted nature of corporate finance; the different issues (including flexibility) to be considered, and the different approaches available, in valuing project cash flows; determining capital structure; assessing the costs and benefits of mergers and acquisitions, real options; and the link between corporate governance and finance.

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: Interpret market data and accounting reports and identify suitable valuation techniques to conduct asset valuation.

ULO2: Examine alternative quantitative approaches available in corporate finance in valuating companies and/or projects.

ULO3: Analyse the factors that influence companies in their financial decisions.

ULO4: Investigate the cost and benefits of mergers and acquisitions and real options.

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
Online Quiz	5%	No	Fri 27th Aug
Mid Session Test	20%	No	Fri 1st Oct
Assignment	25%	No	Refer to ilearn
Final Examination	50%	No	University Examination Period

Online Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 1 hours

Due: **Fri 27th Aug**

Weighting: **5%**

The online quiz will consist of 5 to 10 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:

- Interpret market data and accounting reports and identify suitable valuation techniques to conduct asset valuation.

Mid Session Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **Fri 1st Oct**

Weighting: **20%**

A mid session test of 60 minutes will be held to give students practice on a summative task and to provide feedback on their progress midway through the session.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret market data and accounting reports and identify suitable valuation techniques to conduct asset valuation.
- Examine alternative quantitative approaches available in corporate finance in valuating companies and/or projects.
- Analyse the factors that influence companies in their financial decisions.

Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Refer to ilearn**

Weighting: **25%**

The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Students will be required to produce a report of 800 to 1,200 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret market data and accounting reports and identify suitable valuation techniques to conduct asset valuation.
- Examine alternative quantitative approaches available in corporate finance in valuating companies and/or projects.
- Analyse the factors that influence companies in their financial decisions.
- Investigate the cost and benefits of mergers and acquisitions and real options.

Final Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **50%**

A two hour exam will be held during the University Examination Period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret market data and accounting reports and identify suitable valuation techniques

to conduct asset valuation.

- Examine alternative quantitative approaches available in corporate finance in valuating companies and/or projects.
- Analyse the factors that influence companies in their financial decisions.
- Investigate the cost and benefits of mergers and acquisitions and real options.

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

Learning and Teaching Activities

The content for each week will comprise a live lecture which will be recorded and a set of tutorial questions (Problem Sets).

Lectures

A lecture recording will be uploaded each week. Lecture notes will be available on iLearn.

Tutorials

Students will need to register for a tutorial. Tutorials are considered compulsory but no marks are allocated. Tutorials will be available for most, but not all weeks of the session. In weeks where there aren't any live (on-campus or online) tutorials, a recording will be provided to cover the relevant material.

The tutorial schedule will be made available on iLearn.

Tutorial enrolment or change of tutorial can be made through *eStudent* in the first two weeks of the session. No tutorial changes are allowed after Week 2. Students should attend their allocated tutorial, but exceptions may occur on a one-off basis. That is, where circumstances prevent you from attending your own tutorial in a given week, you may attend an alternative tutorial if room available.

Students are expected to complete the '*Tutorial Questions*' as a self-directed study activity before attending a tutorial. Additional learning support will be available in tutor consultation times.

Timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>

Recommended Text

Berk J. and P. DeMarzo. 2019. *Corporate Finance. Global Edition, 5th Edition*, Harlow, Pearson Higher Ed USA. ISBN 9781292304151

Communication Channels

For discussion of subject materials please speak to the lecturer and tutors on iLearn or in consultation.

Academic Consultation

Staff will be available for academic consultation throughout the session in teaching weeks. A schedule of consultation times and locations will be available on iLearn from Week 2.

Technology Used and Required

The unit will use an online learning and teaching facility known as iLearn, accessed through the following link <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/>

Students should monitor iLearn content frequently to ensure timely access to announcements, unit material, and assessment information.

To complete the assignment, students will be required to use Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word software.

Calculators will be allowed in the class tests and the final examination but a clear indication of the steps involved in every calculation must be shown. Non-programmable calculators with no text-retrieval capacity are allowed. Financial calculators are allowed. Calculators that have a full alphabet on the keyboard are not allowed. Graphics calculators are not allowed.

Unit Schedule

Week	Week date (Monday)	Lecture topic
1	26.7.2021	Topic 1: DCF and multiples valuation
2	2.8.2021	Topic 2: Cash flows
3	9.8.2021	Topic 3: Cost of capital and market efficiency
4	16.8.2021	Topic 4: Debt and taxes
5	23.8.2021	Topic 5: Capital budgeting and valuation with leverage
6	30.8.2021	Topic 6: Raising Equity
7	6.9.2021	Topic 7: Payout policy

Mid-semester break from Monday 13.9.2021 to Friday 24.9.2021		
8	27.9.2021	Mid Session Test
9	4.10.2021	Topic 8: Mergers and acquisitions
10	11.10.2021	Topic 9: Options
11	18.10.2021	Topic 10: Real options
12	25.10.2021	Topic 11: Corporate governance
13	1.11.2021	Final exam revision

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/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.