AFCP8102
Financial Structure and Insights
Term 3, Infrequent attendance, City 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

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to Master of Applied Finance or Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit addresses the practical application of financial evaluation and appraisal techniques commonly used by firms and by investors. A primary focus is the optimisation of value creation by the firm as it undertakes corporate finance activities. Within this context, the unit addresses the various capital requirements of the firm as it progresses through the corporate development life cycle as an enterprise. The unit builds on prior knowledge of key corporate finance concepts with progression involving more detail, increased complexity and an emphasis on practical applications within financial markets.

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: Examine and assess the practical application of financial models and methods commonly used by firms and by financial markets for the purpose of taking investment and capital management decisions.

ULO2: Critically assess the role and importance of value creation to the firm and its stakeholders as evidenced in financial markets.

ULO3: Effectively collate and communicate the quantitative and qualitative aspects of information used to support investment and capital management decisions.
ULO4: Reflect on how to effectively manage a multidisciplinary team as it addresses the diverse needs of various stakeholders including the client firm and financial market participants.

Assessment Tasks

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Discussion Forum
Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: to be advised on iLearn
Weighting: 10%

Students will be required to contribute to two Discussion Forums. The forums will be conducted online within specified windows of time. The contribution will be in the form of several posts on specified contemporary issues within financial markets.

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Online quizzes
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: to be advised on iLearn
Weighting: 20%
Students will be required to attempt four Quizzes conducted during the term. A Case Study will be progressed in stages. Each quiz will relate to a milestone event within the case study.

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**Group Assignment**

Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 25 hours
Due: to be advised on iLearn
Weighting: 30%

Students are required to work in groups to appraise a proposed corporate finance transaction. The assignment will involve the preparation of a report and a presentation.

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**Final Exam**

Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: to be advised on iLearn
Weighting: 40%

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/138337/unit_guide/print
A final exam to be held.

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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 in intensive mode.

For 2021 Term 3 the unit will be delivered online (only) using Zoom and other applications. There are no face to face classes. The unit will be delivered in two blocks.

- block 1 24 and 25 July (09:00 am to 05:00 pm)
- block 2 14 and 15 August (09:00 am to 05:00 pm)

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from 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.

• 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.

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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.