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Capital Markets

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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

(Admission to MAppFin or MAppFin(Adv) or MFin or MActPrac) or (ACST603 or ACST6003 or AFIN858)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides an overview of the operation of the capital markets with evidence from Australian and international markets. The financial institutions are described and the securities offered by these institutions are reviewed. Emphasis is placed on the financial instruments available to companies and investors from the equity, debt and derivative markets.

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: Distinguish between various sectors of the financial market and the nature of financial assets.

ULO2: Identify the factors responsible for trends in regulation, the role of and the growth in the sources and uses of funds of the banking sector and non-bank financial institutions.

ULO3: Explain the characteristics of corporate funding sources and the processes involved in raising funds.

ULO4: Review the complex interactions between the banks, government and central bank.

ULO5: Work productively in a group to undertake financial analysis.

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
Mid Session Test	30%	No	Week 9
Group Assignment	20%	No	Week 11
Final Examination	50%	No	University Examination Period

Mid Session Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 16 hours

Due: **Week 9**

Weighting: **30%**

A 90 minute mid session test will be held.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Distinguish between various sectors of the financial market and the nature of financial assets.
- Identify the factors responsible for trends in regulation, the role of and the growth in the sources and uses of funds of the banking sector and non-bank financial institutions.
- Explain the characteristics of corporate funding sources and the processes involved in raising funds.
- Review the complex interactions between the banks, government and central bank.

Group Assignment

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Week 11**

Weighting: **20%**

The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Students will be required to produce a report of 1,500-2,000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Distinguish between various sectors of the financial market and the nature of financial assets.
- Identify the factors responsible for trends in regulation, the role of and the growth in the sources and uses of funds of the banking sector and non-bank financial institutions.
- Explain the characteristics of corporate funding sources and the processes involved in raising funds.
- Review the complex interactions between the banks, government and central bank.
- Work productively in a group to undertake financial analysis.

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:

- Distinguish between various sectors of the financial market and the nature of financial assets.
- Identify the factors responsible for trends in regulation, the role of and the growth in the sources and uses of funds of the banking sector and non-bank financial institutions.
- Explain the characteristics of corporate funding sources and the processes involved in raising funds.
- Review the complex interactions between the banks, government and central bank.

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

Classes

The timetable for classes can be found on the University website at: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>

Recommended text

C. Viney, *Financial Institutions, Instruments and Markets*, McGraw-Hill, *Ninth Edition*, 2019. Students are advised to use the book to improve their understanding of the lectures. Older versions are also fine.

Unit web page

The course material is available at <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au> Students are advised to check the unit website regularly, and ensure that all material posted on the website can be accessed without difficulties. If you are unable to access any of the material on the website, check with your classmates first before notifying your lecturer of the problem.

Unit Schedule

Week	Week Beginning	Topic	Textbook chapters
1	26 Jul	A modern financial system.	1
2	2 Aug	Commercial banks.	2
3	9 Aug	Non-bank financial institutions.	3
4	16 Aug	The share market and corporations.	4
5	23 Aug	Issuing new equity & investing in the share market.	5, and Ch.6 sections 1-3
6	30 Aug	Performance measurement, share pricing & forecasting in equity market.	6 sections 4-6, and Ch.7
7	6 Sep	Short-term debt.	9
Break		Mid Session Break	
8	27 Sep	Medium-to-long term debt.	10
9	4 Oct	Mid session test (30%) covering topics 1 to 8.	

10	11 Oct	Futures contracts and forward rate agreements.	19
11	18 Oct	Options.	20
12	25 Oct	Government debt, monetary policy, and the payments system.	12
13	1 Nov	An introduction to interest rate determination and forecasting.	13

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

Updated textbook to the newest version.