AFCP8102
Financial Structure and Insights
Term 1, In person/Online-scheduled-infrequent, City 2022
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://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-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.

**General Assessment Information**

**Late submissions of assessments**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, no extensions will be granted. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available assessment-task marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24-hour period or part thereof that the submission is late. Late submissions will only be accepted up to 96 hours after the due date and time.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g., quizzes, online tests.

**Table 1: Penalty calculation based on submission time**

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<th>Submission time after the due date (including weekends)</th>
<th>Penalty (% of available assessment task mark)</th>
<th>Example: for a non-timed assessment task marked out of 30</th>
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<td>&lt; 24 hours</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>10% x 30 marks = 3-mark deduction</td>
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<td>24-48 hours</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>20% x 30 marks = 6-mark deduction</td>
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<td>48-72 hours</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>30% x 30 marks = 9-mark deduction</td>
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<td>72-96 hours</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>40% x 30 marks = 12-mark deduction</td>
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<tr>
<td>&gt; 96 hours</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Assignment won’t be accepted</td>
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**Special Consideration**

To request an extension on the due date/time for a timed or non-timed assessment task, you must submit a [Special Consideration application](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/151054/unit_guide/print). An application for Special Consideration does not guarantee approval.

The approved extension date for a student becomes the new due date for that student. The late submission penalties above then apply as of the new due date.

**Assessment Tasks**

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Hurdle</th>
<th>Due</th>
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<td>Discussion Forum</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>after block 1 - timing to be confirmed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Online quizzes</td>
<td>20%</td>
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### Discussion Forum

**Assessment Type**: Participatory task  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 10 hours  
**Due**: after block 1 - timing to be confirmed  
**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**: Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 20 hours  
**Due**: after block 1 - timing to be confirmed  
**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: **after block 2 - timing to be confirmed**  
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: **end of term - timing to be confirmed**  
Weighting: **40%**

A final exam to be held.

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needs of various stakeholders including the client firm and financial market participants.

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 (only).
The offering for 2022 T1 will be remote delivery on line (only). There will be no face to face
classes.
The sessions will be on the dates and times set out in the 2022 T1 timetable.
Run sheets for all sessions will be provided on iLearn. Students are expected to attend all
sessions.
Each session will, typically, comprise live zoom meetings, break out activities, case studies etc.
All sessions will be recorded (zoom) and made available shortly after. However, the break out
activities will NOT be recorded. Students are advised to attend the sessions and to NOT rely on
the recorded in session videos.

PREScribed TEXT
The prescribed text for this unit is Principles of Corporate Finance (Brealey, Myers and Allen)
Available in hard copy, eBook (purchase) and eBook (rental). Check with the publisher for
current pricing.
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://students.mq.edu.au/support/

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
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.