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Financial System, Participants and Instruments
Term 4, In person-scheduled-infrequent, City 2022
Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit assesses the structure, instruments and participants in the Financial System. It covers the theory and practical application of financial instruments including debt, equity, hybrids and derivatives. It also articulates the roles and objectives of participants in the system, social contracts and regulation.

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: Evaluate concepts and models used by various financial market participants and apply relevant concepts and models to meet participants needs and actual business situations.

ULO2: Assess financial products and instruments and construct sound and justifiable solutions that meet the requirements of financial market participants.

ULO3: Develop solutions for financing issues using appropriate models and financial data sources.

General Assessment Information
Late Assessment Submission Penalty (written assessments)
Assessment Tasks

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<th>Weighting</th>
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<td>20%</td>
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<td>Online quizzes due: 25 Sep, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 30 Oct, 20 Nov</td>
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Class activities
Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Online quizzes due: 25 Sep, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 30 Oct, 20 Nov
Weighting: 20%

Tasks set with online classes including quizzes, online or recorded presentations, learning portfolio, analytical tasks and participation.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate concepts and models used by various financial market participants and apply relevant concepts and models to meet participants needs and actual business situations.
- Assess financial products and instruments and construct sound and justifiable solutions that meet the requirements of financial market participants.

Assignment
Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: 6 Nov
Weighting: 40%

Assessment of finance transactions. Individual task up to 4,000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Assess financial products and instruments and construct sound and justifiable solutions that meet the requirements of financial market participants.
• Develop solutions for financing issues using appropriate models and financial data sources.

Final assessment

Assessment Type 1: Practice-based task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: University examination period
Weighting: 40%

A time-constrained task based on scenarios.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Evaluate concepts and models used by various financial market participants and apply relevant concepts and models to meet participants needs and actual business situations.
• Assess financial products and instruments and construct sound and justifiable solutions that meet the requirements of financial market participants.
• Develop solutions for financing issues using appropriate models and financial data sources.

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**


**Useful References**


**Learning and Teaching Activities**

**Strategy:** Programs in the Applied Finance Centre adopt a deep teaching and learning strategy in which students acquire and retain knowledge and also are able to make sense of the issues and concepts and apply them in the “real world”. The program relies heavily on student engagement and participation by: (a) Continuous learning throughout the term. This is encouraged through a combination of students undertaking prescribed reading throughout the units and/or completion of practice problems, online activities, case studies, assignments, class discussions, etc and interaction via forums; and (b) Assessments, which enable the student to demonstrate his/her understanding of the learning objectives achieved through the continuous learning.

**Student Participation:** This is blended unit where students need to complete assigned activities before live Zoom sessions and block teaching. Students participate in this unit by: (a) Actively engaging with the videos and required readings of this unit; (b) Working systematically through and completing online activities; (c) Interacting in forums; and (d) Completing all assessment tasks.

**Unit Schedule**

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<td>2</td>
<td>Valuation, risk and return</td>
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The building block financial instruments

Forwards, futures and options: Pricing and applications

Further option pricing

Assignment preparation

Debt and swap markets: Introduction

Debt and swap markets: Applications

Revision

Revision

Exam week

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- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

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• Workshops
• Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
• Access StudyWISE
• Upload an assignment to Studiosity
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• Subject and Research Guides
• Ask a Librarian

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