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Advanced Investment Management
Term 2, In person-scheduled-infrequent, City 2022
Department of Applied Finance

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## General Information

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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 connects the "Why" to the "How" of investment Management. It applies strategies and techniques employed by successful investment managers for investing to match the required outcomes for these investments, particularly in the accumulation and retirement phases of the superannuation and retirement industry.

## 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](https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- **ULO1:** Explain the tools and techniques used by industry participants to construct investment portfolios to meet long term objectives.
- **ULO2:** Critically evaluate investment management strategies and solutions and their impact on objectives over time.
- **ULO3:** Develop and defend recommended investment management strategy solution(s) and judgement(s).
**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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<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/151088/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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Investment Management Case Study

Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: Refer to iLearn
Weighting: 35%

A case study report of up to 2,000 words including both quantitative and qualitative analysis.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain the tools and techniques used by industry participants to construct investment portfolios to meet long term objectives.
• Critically evaluate investment management strategies and solutions and their impact on objectives over time.
• Develop and defend recommended investment management strategy solution(s) and judgement(s).

Lifecycle advice assignment

Assessment Type 1: Quantitative analysis task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Refer to iLearn
Weighting: 35%

Prepare and submit a report based on analysis of the data submitted using the lifecycle framework

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain the tools and techniques used by industry participants to construct investment portfolios to meet long term objectives.
• Critically evaluate investment management strategies and solutions and their impact on objectives over time.
• Develop and defend recommended investment management strategy solution(s) and judgement(s).
Final assessment

Assessment Type: Practice-based task
Indicative Time on Task: 20 hours
Due: Refer to iLearn
Weighting: 30%

A time-constrained task based on scenarios. Open book.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the tools and techniques used by industry participants to construct investment portfolios to meet long term objectives.
- Critically evaluate investment management strategies and solutions and their impact on objectives over time.
- Develop and defend recommended investment management strategy solution(s) and judgement(s).

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

Refer to iLearn

Unit Schedule

Refer to iLearn

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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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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

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• Workshops
• Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
• Access StudyWISE
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- **Accessibility and disability support** with study
- **Mental health support**
- **Safety support** to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- **Social support** including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

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