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Private Capital
Term 1, In person/Online-scheduled-infrequent, City 2022
Department of Applied Finance

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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 covers the overall structure and dynamics of contemporary private capital covering both portfolio firm level and fund level considerations. Key issues of assessing, valuing, contracting, monitoring and exiting private equity and venture capital investments are dealt with at a practitioner level of detail. This unit covers a spectrum of private capital investments, from early stage and venture (seed and start-up) to late stage (management and buy-outs), together with managing private capital funded businesses. Consideration is also given to fund creation and management.

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 recent developments in the private capital market and explain the key issues of assessing, valuing, contracting, monitoring and exiting private equity investments.

ULO2: Research and critically appraise a range of private equity investments and approaches.
ULO3: Describe the full lifecycle of a private capital transaction and apply private equity investment considerations to ‘real world’ situations.

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. 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>Class activities</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>No</td>
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**Class activities**

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours  
Due: **Refer to iLearn**  
Weighting: **20%**

Tasks set with online classes including quizzes, questions and participation.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Examine recent developments in the private capital market and explain the key issues of assessing, valuing, contracting, monitoring and exiting private equity investments.

**Case study**

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

Venture capital problem set.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Research and critically appraise a range of private equity investments and approaches.  
- Describe the full lifecycle of a private capital transaction and apply private equity investment considerations to ‘real world’ situations.

**Final assessment**

Assessment Type 1: Practice-based task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours  
Due: **Refer to iLearn**  
Weighting: **50%**

A time-constrained open book task.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Examine recent developments in the private capital market and explain the key issues of
assessing, valuing, contracting, monitoring and exiting private equity investments.
• Research and critically appraise a range of private equity investments and approaches.
• Describe the full lifecycle of a private capital transaction and apply private equity investment considerations to ‘real world’ situations.

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**
Please refer to the unit's iLearn site.

**Unit Schedule**
Please refer to the unit's iLearn site.

**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
• Assessment Procedure
• Complaints Resolution 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](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct)

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At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](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.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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

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Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- 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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