



# AFCP8142

## Private Capital

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*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 Assessment Submission Penalty (written assessments) Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submissions of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to submit an application for [Special Consideration](#).

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Class activities</a>	20%	No	Refer to iLearn
<a href="#">Case study</a>	30%	No	Refer to iLearn
<a href="#">Final assessment</a>	50%	No	Refer to iLearn

### Class activities

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 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 <sup>1</sup>: Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 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 <sup>1</sup>: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](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 \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Academic Integrity

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## Student Support

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## 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](#)

## Student Services and Support

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](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

## Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

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