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PACE: Issues in Applied Finance
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Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
10cp in ACST or AFIN units at 3000 level

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit gives students the opportunity to test how their finance skills can be applied in practice by exposure to leading industry professionals. The topics selected go beyond traditional corporate and investment finance, and include coverage of the latest issues and real world scenarios. Students will learn first hand from practitioners on current and future trends and skills required in finance to prepare them as they embark on their careers in the industry. The projects completed in the unit are carefully set in conjunction with the industry professionals, giving students the opportunity to show evidence of demonstrated learning and the application of finance knowledge from a broader perspective. Visit Employability Connect for important information on this unit.

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: Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.

ULO2: Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.

ULO3: Work cooperatively in a group to conduct analysis and report the findings and recommendations.

ULO4: Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial
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

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Final Examination

Assessment Type \(^1\): Examination
Indicative Time on Task \(^2\): 20 hours
Due: Final Exam Period
Weighting: 50%

An exam of two hours will be held during the University Examination Period.

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- Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
• Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial sector.

Online Quiz
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 0.5 hours
Due: Week 12
Weighting: 0%

The online quiz will consist of 5 to 10 multiple choice and/or short answer questions and will be available on iLearn. Please use the quiz result as an indicator of whether you are progressing satisfactorily in the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.

Group Assignment
Assessment Type 1: Project
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Week 8
Weighting: 25%

The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Students will be required to work in a group and produce a report of 1500 to 2000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.
• Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
• Work cooperatively in a group to conduct analysis and report the findings and recommendations.

Individual Assignment
Assessment Type 1: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task 2: 12 hours
Due: Week 11
Weighting: 25%

The assignment will cover quantitative and qualitative analysis of a finance scenario or problem. Student will be required to submit a report of 1000 to 2000 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply theories and techniques in finance and be aware of the assumptions and limitations in practice.
- Evaluate the real world business applications of financial concepts.
- Develop good understanding of contemporary developments in the financial sector.

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 check iLearn for details of delivery.

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

**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

**Academic Integrity**

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/

**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/.

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.