AFIN2000
Principles of Financial Literacy
Session 1, Online-flexible 2024
Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
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By Appointment

Credit points
10

Prerequisites
70cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit develops financial literacy, enabling students to understand what is needed to achieve a lifestyle that is financially sustainable, ethical and responsible. On completion of the unit, students will be able to set financial goals, establish a working budget, understand and distinguish between different investment instruments, and have the knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

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: Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
ULO2: Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
ULO3: Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty
Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the
Assessment Tasks

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**Online Quiz**

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours  
Due: **Week 3, 6, 9, 12**  
Weighting: 27%

Student will be required to complete four online quizzes. The questions will be based on the materials covered.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
- Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

**Forum Discussion**

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours  
Due: **Week 7, 10**  
Weighting: 18%
Students are required to contribute to the Discussion Forums. Details will be provided on the iLearn unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
• Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
• Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

Final Examination
Assessment Type: Examination
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: University Examination Period
Weighting: 55%

A two hour final exam will be held online during the university examination period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Explain the role of financial goals and develop personal financial goals.
• Assess, compare and evaluate common investment instruments.
• Acquire knowledge and skills to make informed and effective personal financial decisions.

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 see iLearn for further information
Unit Schedule
Please see iLearn for further information

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/](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/](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](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.
Unit guide AFIN2000 Principles of Financial Literacy

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