MQBS1040

Financial Management for Business

Session 2, Online-scheduled-In person assessment, North Ryde 2026

Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance

Contents

General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit describes and develops knowledge and skills in finance and accounting. Students will learn about financial institutions, financial markets, risk and regulation. They will explore the role of accounting and the accounting profession in business and society. Students will be provided with an opportunity to discuss evolving issues in and means of evaluating and presenting accounting and finance information. The key emphasis is on understanding how such information assists managers when making important business 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: Understand basic accounting and finance principles and concepts.

ULO2: Interpret key financial tools that are used in real world environments.

ULO3: Evaluate investment opportunities by applying financial analysis techniques.

ULO4: Develop financial decision making skills to optimise the performance of an organisation.

General Assessment Information

Late Submission Penalties

If you submit your assessment late, 5% of the total possible marks will be deducted for each day (including weekends), up to 7 days. Submissions more than 7 days late will receive a mark of 0.

Example 1 (out of 100):

If you score 85/100 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **5 marks** and receive **80/100**.

Example 2 (out of 30):

If you score 27/30 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **1.5 marks** and receive **25.5/30**.

Extensions

Automatic short extension: Some assessments are eligible for automatic short extension. You can only apply for an automatic short extension before the due date.

Special Consideration: If you need more time due to serious issues and for any assessments that are not eligible for Short Extension, you must apply for Special Consideration. Need help? Review the Special Consideration page for further details.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Skills development: Financial management	30%	No	04/09/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
Professional practice: Investment opportunities	30%	No	16/10/2026	Individual and Group	No	Open
Formal examination	40%	No	University Exam Period	Individual	No	Observed

Skills development: Financial management

Assessment Type [1]: Reflection task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **04/09/2026**
Weighting: **30%**
Groupwork/Individual: Individual
Short extension [3]: Yes
AI Approach: Open

The purpose of this assessment is to build your expertise and skills in fundamental accounting and finance concepts, key financial tools, and financial decision making through investigating financial management scenarios.

You will engage with and reflect on weekly activities and problem sets and apply financial techniques to real-world cases.

Skills in focus:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Discipline knowledge
- Work readiness

Deliverable(s): Reflective report [max 1200 words] excluding appendices with supporting evidence

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand basic accounting and finance principles and concepts.
- Interpret key financial tools that are used in real world environments.
- Evaluate investment opportunities by applying financial analysis techniques.
- Develop financial decision making skills to optimise the performance of an organisation.

Professional practice: Investment opportunities

Assessment Type [1]: Problem-based task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **16/10/2026**
Weighting: **30%**
Groupwork/Individual: Individual and Group
Short extension [3]: No
AI Approach: Open

The purpose of this assessment is for you to gain experience in producing a financial analysis in the form of a business report to key stakeholders.

You will work in teams to conduct an in-depth analysis of the business environment and financial performance of an ASX 200-listed company.

Skills in focus:

- Discipline knowledge
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills

Deliverable(s): Presentation

Individual and group assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Interpret key financial tools that are used in real world environments.
- Evaluate investment opportunities by applying financial analysis techniques.
- Develop financial decision making skills to optimise the performance of an organisation.

Formal examination

Assessment Type [1]: Examination
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **University Exam Period**
Weighting: **40%**
Groupwork/Individual: Individual
Short extension [3]: No
AI Approach: Observed

The purpose of this assessment is for you to formally demonstrate the expertise you have gained in this unit.

You will participate in a 2-hour exam held during the University Examination period.

Important information about the exam will be made available on the unit iLearn page. You should also review the MQ Exams website for general tips.

Deliverable(s): Formal exam

Individual assessment

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[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
- Academic Success 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.

[3] An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the Service Connect Portal.

Delivery and Resources

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PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS:

1. **Birt, J., Chalmers, K., Maloney, S., Brooks, A., Bond, D. and Oliver, J. (2026) 'Accounting: Business Reporting for Decision Making, 9th Edition (9th edition)', Wiley, QLD, Australia.**
2. **Parrino, R., Yong, H. A., Morkel-Kingsbury, N., Mazzola, P., Murray, J., Smales, L. (2026) 'Fundamentals of corporate finance, 5th Edition (5th edition)', Wiley, QLD, Australia.**

- Access to the textbook is essential for lecture references and for tutorial questions. All chapter references in the unit schedule refer to the prescribed textbook unless otherwise indicated.
- There are various options available to access/purchase the textbook. Please refer to iLearn for more information on these options.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

- You must be familiar with the learning management system, iLearn;
- Leganto where access to the e-textbook and other recommended readings are available can be found in MQBS1040 iLearn website;
- You will need to conduct research and be familiar with Internet search engines and library database to source materials.

UNIT WEB PAGE

- Course materials will be made available on the learning management system (iLearn). It is essential that you regularly visit the unit's web page. It is here that you will have access to the Unit Guide, announcements, supplementary reading materials, lecture and tutorial materials, and staff consultation hours.
- The web page for this unit can be found at: http://ilearn.mq.edu.au. To access the web page, you need to enter your username, password and second factor authentication. You should contact IT Helpdesk if you need any assistance at: at: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service- desk

LEARNING AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

Classes for MQBS1040 in Session 2 2026 comprise of (1) weekly **face-to-face on campus/ livestream lectures** and (2) weekly **face-to-face on campus tutorials/online zoom tutorials**

Unit Schedule

Study Schedule

Week	**Lecture Topics**
Week 1 - Week Starting 27 July	Decision Making, Financial Management and Role of Accounting
Week 2 - Week Starting 3 August	Types of Business Organisations Basic Principles of Financial Management
Week 3 - Week Starting 10 August	Financial Markets, Financial Instruments and Financing the Business - Part 1
Week 4 - Week Starting 17 August	Financial Markets, Financial Instruments and Financing the Business - Part 2
Week 5 - Week Starting 24 August	Basic Financial Statements - Part 1
Week 6 - Week Starting 31 August	Basic Financial Statements - Part 2
Week 7 - Week Starting 7 September	Analysis and interpretation of financial statements
Week 8 - Week Starting 14 September	Cost Concepts and Analysis
21 September to 5 October - MID-SESSION BREAK	
Week 9 - Week Starting 6 October	Budgeting
Week 10 - Week Starting 12 October	Time Value of Money
Week 11 - Week Starting 19 October	Capital Budgeting
Week 12 - Week Starting 26 October	Ethics and Corporate Governance
Week 13 - Week Starting 2 November	Revision

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 connect.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/

Academic Success

Academic Success provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Ask a Study Coach
- 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 the Service Connect Portal, or contact Service Connect.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk.

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.

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