

# Course Outline (Higher Education)

<b>School:</b>	Federation Business School
<b>Course Title:</b>	ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
<b>Course ID:</b>	BUACC3702
<b>Credit Points:</b>	15.00
<b>Prerequisite(s):</b>	(BA701 or BUACC3701)
<b>Co-requisite(s):</b>	Nil
<b>Exclusion(s):</b>	Nil
<b>ASCED Code:</b>	081101

## Description of the Course :

This course enables students to develop an understanding of the specialised activities involved in financial management. The course identifies and analysis the financial decisions made by financial managers so that students can gain an understanding of the theory of finance and the theoretical models applied in finance. The course considers advanced finance issues such as the efficiency of financial markets; the management of interest rate and currency risk; international financial markets; option, forwards and futures; mergers and acquisitions along with asset valuation and portfolio management. Each topic is introduced by a critical review of key theoretical concepts that are then applied to practical settings.

**Grade Scheme:** Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

**Supplementary Assessment:** Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the course but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above and submitted all major assessment tasks..

## Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory						
Intermediate						
Advanced			✓			

## Learning Outcomes:

This course enables students to develop an understanding of advanced topics in finance.

## Knowledge:

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- K1.** Identify the financial characteristics that underpin alternative financial policies
- K2.** Assess the key factors affecting financial performance
- K3.** Evaluate how financial markets operate and their importance to financial decisions.
- K4.** Analyse the principles of risk minimisation strategies through hedging, futures/forwards and options
- K5.** Identify the features of specific forms of domestic and international business finance and appraise the circumstances when each is appropriate.
- K6.** Critique the recent developments in the field of finance

### Skills:

- S1.** Apply theoretical and practical knowledge to evaluate the effects of alternative financial policies
- S2.** Generate alternative growth scenarios and related financing needs and prepare written documentation to present the results
- S3.** Collect and integrate information regarding the factors affecting a firms financial risk profile and assess appropriate risk minimisation strategies which are consistent with management policies and preferences.
- S4.** Apply valuation techniques to determine financial implications

### Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** apply appropriate finance knowledge and skills in diverse business environments
- A2.** Exercise critical thinking and judgement and apply it to assist in the decision making process.
- A3.** Adapt knowledge and skills incorporated with finance decisions within diverse context, including the use of socially responsible information

### Course Content:

Topics may include:

- Portfolio analysis
- Efficient market hypothesis
- Issues in investments: options, rights and futures markets; financial analysis of acquisitions; sustainable growth
- Issues in corporate analysis: insolvency prediction; business valuation; takeovers, acquisitions and mergers, risk management
- International finance: foreign exchange markets; foreign exchange rates; policies for managing foreign exchange risk; international financing and investing decisions
- Lease evaluation
- Contemporary financial management issues.

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## Values and Graduate Attributes:

### Values:

- V1.** Appreciate the complexity of financial markets and associated financial instruments
- V2.** Appreciate the dynamic nature of financial management and the need to monitor financial performance
- V3.** Develop an ethical and socially responsible approach to the practice of finance
- V4.** Appreciate the need for continuous learning in order to maintain up-to-date skills and knowledge

### Graduate Attributes:

FedUni graduate attributes statement. To have graduates with knowledge, skills and competence that enable them to stand out as critical, creative and enquiring learners who are capable, flexible and work ready, and responsible, ethical and engaged citizens.

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Knowledge, skills and competence	Emphasis will be given in class to making students aware that the finance function evolves over time and that conscious effort must be expended to ensure currency in the discipline.	Medium
Critical, creative and enquiring learners	Students will be expected to work independently in preparing answers to set questions and undertaking research for the second assessment task.	Medium
Capable, flexible and work ready	This course will assist students to be able to pursue a professional career in accounting	Low
Responsible, ethical and engaged citizens	In-class tasks and/or assessment tasks will emphasise the need for ethical integrity and social responsibility in the practice of finance	Medium

## Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Learning Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1,K2,K3,K4,K5,K6 S1,S2,S3,S4 A1,A2,A3	Group case study and/or essay requiring research and the preparation of calculations and/or written responses.	Assignment	40%-50%
K1,K2,K3,K4,K5 S1,S4 A1,A2	Comprehensive review of all topics, based on class activities, reading, and preparation of responses to set questions.	Exam	50%-60%

## Adopted Reference Style:

APA