

Module code: MOD007696	Version: 2 Date Amended: 03/Jul/2023
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1. Module Title
International Financial Markets and Investment

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Economics, Finance and Law

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
7

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
30

4b. Study Hours
300

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	MSc Accounting and Finance MSc Accounting and Finance (with Placement) MBA Finance MBA Finance (with Placement) LLM Advanced Professional Legal Practice: SQE Preparation		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description
<p>In this module, you'll cover both theoretical and practical areas of international financial markets, with a special focus on investment analysis and portfolio management. There is an international approach and you'll study the subject from an international perspective, alongside students of diverse backgrounds and learning from academics with international reputations.</p> <p>You'll learn modern finance and investment theory alongside practical skills and knowledge of the finance and investment industry, with a strong focus on employability and activities designed to develop your transferable skills. You will be able to work with your peers and module tutors in the University's Bloomberg trading room to develop analytical and trading skills and as teams conduct financial investment analysis and make investment decisions in international financial markets. You will be guided to carry out independent research and critically evaluate key theoretical concepts and practical applications in finance and investment.</p>

6b. Outline Content

- International Financial Markets
- Risk and Return
- Asset Pricing Models
- Technical Analysis Techniques
- Modern Investment and Portfolio Theories
- Efficient Market Hypothesis
- Equity
- Fixed Incomes
- Derivatives
- Foreign Exchange and International Investment

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

Professional databases such as Bloomberg and Osiris

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)

No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of modern finance investment theories and various financial investment and analysis techniques
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of various types of investments and their characteristics including the equity, fixed income and derivative markets.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically assess the mechanisms for managing investment risk and investment portfolio
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically evaluate the tools and techniques to measure and value the risk and return and other factors which affect securities' valuations.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	24	1-4	2- hour Lecture x 12 weeks
Other teacher managed learning	24	1-4	2-hour Seminar x 12 weeks
Student managed learning	252	1-4	252 hours structured student managed learning, including exercises, case study materials and business simulations
TOTAL:	300		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-2	40 (%)	Fine Grade	40 (%)
2-hour unseen in class test Week 7 – 2000 words equivalent					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Coursework	1-4	60 (%)	Fine Grade	40 (%)
4,000 words group assignment Week 13					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above**
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements**

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]