Description: Finance Honours A

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Academic group: FOBUS
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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 081101

STAFFING
Moderator: Michelle Goyen

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: FIN1101 or FIN2101

OTHER-REQUISITES
Entry into Honours Programme

RATIONALE
The need to predict the future and understand the past drives the search for models that explain the behaviour of financial markets and the assets traded in these markets. Financial markets are influenced by information. An essential role for those involved in financial markets is to have some ability to interpret information and form expectations of future innovations in economic and financial time series. Financial decision making based on this information has been improved through developments in information technology, access to larger data sets and the application of improved modelling techniques.

SYNOPSIS
The effective interpretation of theoretical and empirical studies in finance requires an understanding of data testing techniques. This course will enable students to further develop the quantitative skills required for capital market analysis and modelling. In particular, quantitative techniques will be used to explain the behaviour of financial markets and the assets traded in equity, debt, derivative and foreign exchange markets. Students will review Capital Market studies and be involved in the phases of problem formulation, research design, data collection, quantitative analysis and the interpretation of results.
OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students should be able to:

- identify and examine financial market information;
- interpret theoretical and empirical studies in applied finance;
- evaluate the applicability of the efficient market hypothesis to financial markets;
- apply data testing techniques to explain the behaviour of financial markets and assets traded in equity, debt, derivative and foreign exchange markets.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**NOTES:**

1. The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. If you are an international student in Australia you are advised to attend all classes at your campus. Failure to attend may infringe the conditions of your student visa.

2. **Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:**
   To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4. **Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:**
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the examination and assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50% in the examination.

5. **Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:**
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. **Examination information:**
The examination in this course is a combined examination. Part A is a restricted examination of 3 hours duration and 100 marks have been allocated for this part. Dictionaries are NOT to be used in the examination. Students are not permitted to take mobile telephones, pagers or other electronic means of communication into the examination room. Part B is an open examination which students will have 24 hours to complete. 100 marks have been allocated for Part B.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm. Students should also read the Faculty of Business Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2004/bus.html.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) In accordance with university’s Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. If students submit assignments after the due date and wish to claim extenuating circumstances then they shall provide validated documentary evidence with the assignment, explaining the circumstances. The Examiner shall consider the statement accompanying a late assignment and decide on the outcome.

2 Course Weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper. The examination may test material already tested in assignments.