

FINC 7007 FINANCIAL PLANNING RESEARCH PROJECT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200959

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Description Financial Planning Research Project encompasses a major research project and presentation. This equips students with skills to address challenges through research and the ability to apply knowledge developed in earlier subjects of study. This student-centered subject provides supervision of research and analytical practices to enhance skill development and capacity to engage with the problems confronting the financial planning industry. Students will have scope to focus on issues that are of particular concern to the financial planning industry. As an integrating subject, it demands participants bringing their knowledge together and with curiosity to develop recommendations in a format that can showcase their achievements.

School Business

Discipline Banking, Finance and Related Fields, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 2793 Masters of Financial Planning and have successfully completed 80 credit points.

Assumed Knowledge

Understanding of the financial planning environment and business communications skills.

Learning Outcomes

1. Undertake tests of economic and financial hypotheses using empirical data and summarise their results in a sensible reporting format;
2. Apply quantitative analysis techniques;
3. Implement the basic elements of financial modelling and forecasting;
4. Use computer software to analyse financial problems;
5. Demonstrate ability to construct financial models.

Subject Content

Introduction to Financial Modelling and Financial Data

Correlation Analysis

Introduction to Simple Regression

Multiple Regressions

Regression with Dummy Variables

Regression with Lagged Explanatory Variables

Univariate Time Series Analysis

Regression with Time Series Variables

Financial Volatility

Revision and writing an Empirical Project

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type | Length | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group | Mandatory Task |
|--------------|---|---------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| Presentation | 5 minutes presentation and 10 minutes questions | 30 | N | Individual | N |
| Report | 4,000 words | 70 | N | Individual | N |

Prescribed Texts

- Koop, Gary. 2006, Analysis of Financial Data, John Wiley and Sons Ltd, West Sussex, England.

Teaching Periods

Quarter 3 (2025)

Online

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