

FINC 7023 INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject provides business leaders and managers with a contextualised and non-technical introduction and overview of key financial concepts. The subject covers the fundamental principles underlying finance and financial decision-making by individuals and organisations. Upon completion of this subject, learners will possess the analytical skills necessary to understand and assess basic financial data using a range of metrics relevant in a range of contexts including green and sustainable finance.

School Business

Discipline Banking and Finance

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

Equivalent Subjects BUSM 7007

Restrictions

Students must be in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Outline key concepts and principles of finance and financial decision making.
2. Analyse and assess basic financial data using financial databases and finance metrics.
3. Explain the risk-return relationship and fundamentals of risk management.
4. Identify fundamental investment and financing decisions for managers.
5. Critically discuss contemporary topics in finance, including green and sustainable finance.

Subject Content

- Topic 1 The world of finance: financial markets and the Australian financial landscape
- Topic 2 Fundamentals of small business financing
- Topic 3 Introduction to financial statements and financial performance measurement
- Topic 4 Time value of money and the basics of interest rates
- Topic 5 The risk-return relationship and fundamentals of risk management for managers
- Topic 6 Financing and investment decisions
- Topic 7 Green and sustainable financial instruments
- Topic 8 Contemporary topics in finance

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 Task	Mandatory
Quiz	60 minutes	20	N	Individual	N
Presentatio	10 minutes	20	N	Group	N
Report	1,300 words	30	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Quarter 1 (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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Sydney City Campus Quarter 3 (2025)

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Quarter 4 (2025)

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