

Course Title:	Introduction to Finance
Course Code:	FINA501
Descriptor Start Date:	01/01/2022
Descriptor End Date:	22/02/2026
POINTS:	15.00
LEVEL:	5
PREREQUISITE/S:	None
COREQUISITE/S:	None
RESTRICTION/S:	395000

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

Finance helps us understand how money moves through society and how decisions made today shape future outcomes. Financial analysis provides tools to evaluate choices involving time, risk, and uncertainty, all choices made by individuals, firms, and governments every day. By exploring how financial markets function, how assets are priced, and how risk and return are linked, students develop insight into the opportunities and trade-offs that influence saving, investing, and funding decisions. Understanding these mechanisms is essential for making informed financial decisions and interpreting the role finance plays in the wider economy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Analyse basic financial management related issues.
2. Apply time value of money concepts to solve a variety of financial problems.
3. Examine the functioning of financial markets and types of asset classes including stocks and bonds.
4. Examine the basics of risk and return.
5. Value financial assets including stocks and bonds.

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CONTENT

The Time Value of Money (Part 1)
The Time Value of Money (Part 2)
Investment Assets and Financial Markets
Stocks (Part 1) - Basic Characteristics of Stocks
Stocks (Part 2) - Risk and Return
Stocks (Part 3) - Stock Valuation and Issuance
Bonds (Part 1) - Bonds and Basic Characteristics
Bonds (Part 2) - Risk and Return
Bonds (Part 3) - Bond Yields and Bond Pricing
Special Topic: TVM and Investment Assets - Applications

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Open book Exercises (Individual)	25.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Case Study Analysis (Group)	25.00	1, 2, 4, 5
Final Exam (Individual)	50.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Grade Map	MAP1
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

The assessment structure for Summer School may differ to the assessment structure indicated in this descriptor.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: www.ubs.co.nz

For further information, contact: Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

Principal Programme: AK3693, Bachelor of Business

Related Programme/s: AK1006 DipBus, AK1007 CertBusSt, AK1315 BBus/BCS, AK3001 BBus/BSc, AK3002 BA/Bus, AK3003 BBus/BCIS, AK3004 BBus/BIHM, AK3726 BBus/BHSc, AK3709 GradDipBus, AK3753 GradCertBus

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