

# ECON 1003 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200048

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**Description** The investment, financing and risk management decisions made by individuals, firms and governments are implemented by creating and trading financial instruments in financial markets, often with the involvement of a variety of institutions. Using the Australian financial system as an illustration, Financial Institutions and Markets introduces students to the theory and functions of financial institutions and markets. Students develop an understanding of the role and functions of bank and non-bank financial institutions and of markets in equities, debt, foreign exchange and derivatives.

**School** Business

**Discipline** Economics

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** ECON 1004 - Financial Institutions and Markets (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the major institutional features of the Australian financial system;
2. Explain the function and operation of bank and non-bank financial institutions in the Australian financial system;
3. Explain the function and operation of markets in equities, debt, foreign exchange and derivatives;
4. Examine an element of the financial system and summarise and report relevant and contemporary information in the form of an oral presentation;
5. Examine an element of the financial system and summarise and report relevant and contemporary information in the form of a written report;
6. Evaluate the role of institutions, markets and regulators in the Australian financial system;
7. Perform calculations relevant to the use of various financial instruments.

## Subject Content

Australian financial institutions  
Equity markets  
Time value of money  
Short and long term debt markets  
Foreign exchange markets  
Derivatives markets

## 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.

| Item         | Length   | Percent | Threshold | Individual/<br>Group Task |
|--------------|--|---------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Quiz         | 3.5 hours - 5/10 online quizzes must be attempted to have met the requirements for completing this assessment task | 20      | N         | Individual                |
| Presentation | 10 minutes   | 15      | N         | Individual                |
| Essay        | 500 words  | 15      | N         | Individual                |
| Final Exam   | 2 hours  | 50      | N         | Individual                |

Prescribed Texts

- Viney, C & Phillips, PJ 2019, Financial institutions, instruments and markets, 9th edn, McGraw-Hill, Sydney.

Teaching Periods

## Summer A

### Parramatta City - Macquarie St

**Day**

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## Autumn

**Online**

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## UEH-Session 1

**Vietnam**

**Day**

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## Sydney City Campus - Term 2

### Sydney City

#### Day

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### Vietnam

#### Day

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## Spring

### Online

#### Online

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## Parramatta City - Macquarie St

#### Day

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## UEH-Session 3

### Vietnam

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