

FINC 7008 FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND MARKETS

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject introduces students to the wide range of investment products and financial securities. Importantly, it develops students' ability to analyse investment opportunities and understand their respective risk and reward profiles. Students will also develop the computational skills necessary for transactions in financial markets, which enable an informed comparison of securities for the purposes of investment decisions.

School Business

Discipline Investment and Securities

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 2807 Master of Stockbroking and Financial Advising or 2808 Graduate Diploma in Stockbroking and Financial Advising or 2809 Graduate Certificate in Stockbroking and Financial Advising.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Compare the features, benefits and risks of a range of securities and discuss how these features affect their application in different investment strategies;
2. Compare the features, benefits and risks of listed and unlisted managed funds and alternative asset classes;
3. Evaluate the risk-reward characteristics of an investment portfolio;
4. Propose an investment portfolio that meets client specified needs.

Subject Content

Introduction to the Economy, Financial Markets and Products
Equities and the Stock Market
Debt Securities
Managed Investments
The Investment Process
Equities and Fixed Interest Managed Funds
Other Asset Classes and Managed Funds
Introduction to the Economy, Financial Markets and Products

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	4 quizzes; each of 30 minutes duration (2 hours) Each quiz worth 10 marks	40	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	60	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Quarter 4 (2025)

Online

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