



UK

SYLLABUS 2025-2026

Financial Management

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Module Code	2526_DFC_2_EN_005
Campus	Oxford
Department(s)	Law, Finance and Control
Level / Semester	Masters Year 1 (M1); Equivalent to FHEQ level 7 Semester 08
Language of Instruction	English
Teaching Method	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person (face-to-face) <input type="checkbox"/> Distance learning (live online) <input type="checkbox"/> e-Learning (asynchronous) <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid: _____
Pre-requisite(s)?	None
ECTS <i>Reminder: 1 ECTS = between 20 and 30hr- student workload</i>	5
Equivalent FHEQ credits	10
Study Hours	125 hours which comprise of 28 directed learning and 97 independent learning/assessment hours

MODULE DESCRIPTION

Module Aims	This module provides a comprehensive exploration of financial management, with a focus on strategic corporate finance decision-making. It critically examines valuation techniques, capital budgeting strategies, and financial statement analysis. The curriculum investigates the complex relationship between risk and return, and the determination of the cost of capital. Students will engage with real-world financial applications through case studies and financial modelling. This prepares them to make complex, evidence-based investment and financing decisions.
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Teaching Arrangement	The module will be delivered through lectures, with presentation slides introducing core concepts, and case studies, including analysis and group presentations.
Learning Outcomes	By the end of this module, students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically evaluate and synthesise core financial management principles to inform complex corporate financial decision-making. 2. Rigorously analyse and interpret financial statements to assess an organisation's strategic financial performance and health. 3. Apply advanced time value of money concepts and valuation techniques to make investment and financing decisions. 4. Systematically evaluate risk and return dynamics in global financial markets and formulate recommendations for portfolio management. 5. Critically appraise capital budgeting decisions, the cost of capital, and optimal capital structures to ensure business sustainability.
Competency Goals* <i>(Knowledge, expertise and interpersonal skills)</i>	PGE_M_CG01 - To be equipped with efficient business skills
Alignment with Programme Learning Goals*	PGE_M_CG01_LO01 - To apply appropriate financial skills
	PGE_M_CG01_LO01_I01 - To realise a financial analysis
	PGE_M_CG01_LO05 - To identify the appropriate methodology to solve a problem

SESSION TOPICS / MODULE SCHEDULE

(Please note, a session/sequence may be more than one scheduled class)

<p><u>Session 1: Foundations of Financial Management</u></p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of finance • Firms and financial markets <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) <i>Financial management: Principles and applications</i>. 14th edn. Pearson Education. <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the five principles of financial management and discuss their relevance in decision-making
<p><u>Session 2: Financial Statements and Performance Analysis</u></p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding financial statements

Last reviewed: 12/09/2025

- Financial analysis: sizing up firm performance

References:

- Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) *Financial management: Principles and applications*. 14th edn. Pearson Education.

Assignments:

- Case study: perform a financial ratio analysis on a selected publicly traded company and interpret its financial health

Session 3: Time Value of Money (TVM)

Content:

- Basics of TVM
- Annuities and other TVM applications

References:

- Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) *Financial management: Principles and applications*. 14th edn. Pearson Education.

Assignments:

- Problem-solving exercise: calculate present and future values of different investment scenarios using financial formulas

Session 4: Risk, Return, and Capital Markets

Content:

- Risk and return (history and capital market theory)

References:

- Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) *Financial management: Principles and applications*. 14th edn. Pearson Education.

Assignments:

- Research assignment: analyse historical stock market performance and assess risk-return trade-offs in different industries

Session 5: Debt and Equity Valuation

Content:

- Debt valuation and interest rates
- Stock valuation

References:

- Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) *Financial management: Principles and applications*. 14th edn. Pearson Education.

Assignments:

- Comparative analysis: evaluate different stock valuation models (e.g. DDM, P/E, DCF) and compare two companies' valuations

Session 6: Capital Budgeting Decisions

Content:

- Investment decision criteria
- Analysing project cash flows
- Risk analysis and project evaluation

References:

- Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) *Financial management: Principles and*

<p><i>applications</i>. 14th edn. Pearson Education.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case study: assess an investment project using NPV and IRR methods to determine its financial feasibility
<p><u>Session 7: Cost of Capital and Financing Strategy</u></p> <p>Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of capital Capital structure policy <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) <i>Financial management: Principles and applications</i>. 14th edn. Pearson Education. <p>Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final project: conduct a financial analysis of a firm's capital structure and make strategic recommendations for optimisation

KEY TEXTS

1. Titman, S., Keown, A.J. and Martin, J.D. (2025) <i>Financial management: Principles and applications</i> . 14th edn. Pearson Education.
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SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

1. N/A

MODES OF ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment (40%)	Case study	20%
	Written assessment	20%
Final Exam (60%)	Case study	

MODULE DESIGN TEAM

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