

FIN3101 Financial Institutions and Markets

Code

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Title

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Prerequisites

none

Credits

3

Description

This module aims to present an overview of key financial markets and institutions in order to prepare students for more advanced and specialist studies in the second and third years. The module adopts both a quantitative and qualitative approach to explaining the functioning and importance of financial markets and institutions supported by real world examples.

Outcomes

On completion of this module the successful student will be able to: explain the existence, mechanics and functions of different financial markets and institutions evaluate how performance of financial markets and institutions can be affected or explained by economic policies and theories use appropriate formulae and models to examine the returns on different financial markets' instruments Skills This module will call for the successful student to: analyse and interpret financial and economic data and graphs estimate expected returns, prices, exchange rates or other relevant rates for financial instruments from different markets. clearly communicate in writing an understanding of theory and its application to practical issues.

Assessment

60 % -first and second assessments

40 % -final assessment

Tentative course outline

Week1

Fundamentals of Financial Markets Interest rates

Week2

efficiency

Week3

Fundamentals of Financial Institutions Role and existence

Week4

Central Banks and Monetary Policy Global Perspective of Central Banks

Week5

Tools, goals, strategy and tactics of Monetary Policy

Week6

Financial Markets Debt security Markets

Week7

Equity Markets

Week8

Derivative Security Markets

Week9

Financial Institutions Commercial Banks

Week10

Investment Banks

Week11

Mutual Funds

Week12

Insurance and Pension Funds