

Module code	FIN403	Level	4
Module title	Financial Markets, Instruments and Institutions	Credit value	20
Common/Core/ Elective	Core	ECTS Credits	10
		Notional learning hours	200
Courses on which the module is taught	BA (Hons) Business and Finance	Teaching Period	Spring

1. Module description

In today's business environment, financial markets, institutions and instruments play an essential role in providing investors (corporate, government or individual) with vehicles for raising and investing funds. This module focuses on financial market structures and operations in the UK, EU, US and across the globe.

You'll discover the purpose, principles and fundamental concepts of today's financial markets, instruments and institutions – both conceptually and numerically. This comprises banking and non-banking institutions, securities markets, foreign exchange markets, bond markets and derivatives products. The examination of these institutions is situated within the context of globalisation and international trade in which corporates and governments operate. Of particular focus will be the financial industry, and the role technology and global markets play together.

This module will support you in developing your social and intercultural intelligence by handling international monetary and financial problems. The module will also guide you in how to use financial services when investing and creating business opportunities, locally or internationally.

2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:

Decision-making (MLO 04)

Investigate and contrast financial data and ideas to inform financial decision making

Communication (MLO 05)

Communicate effectively both orally and in writing in international settings of financial markets within well-defined contexts.

Digital Data and Tools (MLO 06)

Use digital tools and data in the context of financial markets and institutions

Discipline Knowledge (MLO 07)

Explain theories, concepts and facts relevant to financial markets, institutions and global financial arena

3. Learning and Teaching Methods

Learning and teaching strategies for this module will be achieved through interactive seminar sessions in class with online material and activities as well as self-guided learning.

You will learn about the various financial assets, markets, securities and how they priced, as well as how financial institutions operate. Workshops will introduce you to the

key concepts and fundamentals, as well as how current markets in reality reflect what is covered in class. You will learn to implement the theoretical knowledge using current cases. Additional problems and discussion questions are provided for self-directed learning and assessment. All materials and all learning activities are available on Blackboard. The key areas of this module include basic understanding and application of financial markets, financial instruments including debt, equity, FX, derivative securities, in addition to monetary policy and banks operations.

Learning hours	
Directed learning	48 hours
Workshops/classes	48 hours
Guided/Self-guided learning	152 hours
Total	200 hours

4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings

Assessment 1

Presentation (Group Assessment)

Weight (%): 50%

Word Count or Equivalent: 15 minutes

The purpose of this presentation is to understand the current market estimation and application of a set of financial securities or financial institution and to be able to measure market perception and current pricing.

In groups you will collect and analyse financial data related to a specific asset class and market. From this analysis, you will choose an area to research and present your results and insight.

Assessment 2

Report

Weight (%): 50%

Word Count or Equivalent: 1500

The purpose of this assignment is to apply key financial theories to different situations. The interpretation of the results will demonstrate your competency in understanding market perception of key financial information relevant to specific assets or institution. You will demonstrate a clear understanding of the main financial theories and their application within a given numerical example.

Each summative assessment will be preceded by an opportunity for formative assessment accompanied by formative feedback.

Mapping of assessment tasks for the module				
Assessment tasks	MLO4	MLO5	MLO6	MLO7
Presentation	x	x	x	x
Report	x		x	x

5. Indicative resources

David S. Kidwell, Mark Brimble, Paul Docherty, Paul Mazzola, Anup Basu, (2021)Financial Markets, Institutions and Money, 4th Edition, Wiley