

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information							
Module Title	Equity, Bonds and Derivatives						
Module Code	UMA	CRJ-15-M	Level	Level 7			
For implementation from	2021-22						
UWE Credit Rating	15		ECTS Credit Rating	7.5			
Faculty	Facul	ty of Business & Law	Field	Accounting and Finance			
Department	FBL [FBL Dept of Accounting Economics & Finance					
Module Type:	Stand	Standard					
Pre-requisites		None					
Excluded Combinations		None					
Co-requisites		None					
Module Entry Requirements		None					
PSRB Requirements		None					

Part 2: Description

Educational Aims: The aim of the module is to provide students with an overview of the valuation of various financial instruments, and an introduction to how they might be combined in portfolios.

The module reviews theoretical models of valuation and considers how they might be applied in a real world context including a discussion of securities markets and their organisation and functioning.

The module aims to introduce students critically to financial instruments and alternative investments available on the market.

Real-life, practical examples will be introduced to help engage the students in investment analysis decisions and stay updated with financial news.

In addition to the Learning Outcomes, the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally discretely assess the following:

Computer spreadsheet skills

Outline Syllabus: The Investment Process: the time value of money, return calculations, risk, and the risk/return trade-off

Organization and Functioning of Securities Markets

Global Market Investment Decision: the different types of investment instruments and asset classes

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Equity instruments and valuation

Fixed-Income instruments and Term structure of Interest rates

Fixed-Income Analysis and Valuation

Introduction to Derivative Markets and Securities

Markets and valuation of forwards and futures contracts

Options contracts and valuation: Binomial Model and Black-Scholes Model

Options Strategies and use of options for portfolio management

Swaps, convertibles and other embedded derivatives

Financial innovations and instruments: CDS, CDOs, ABS, CMOs

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module comprises 3 hours teaching split into lectures, lectorials/workshops and tutorials each week.

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Students will be encouraged to produce sensible valuations by selecting from competing instrument valuation techniques. Students will be confronted with a series of practical exercises which will not only enable them to build up a range of valuation and other analytical techniques, but will enable them to place investment decisions within their institutional context. Some workshop may take place in the trading room, depending on availability. Lecture notes and workshop questions will be available on Blackboard. To enhance the learning, students are expected to follow daily financial news.

Students will be actively encouraged to make themselves familiar with the library study skills web pages and in particular to read widely around the subject matter. Active use will be made of the Blackboard facilities.

Part 3: Assessment

The module will be assessed by means of an unseen written exam (70%) and a written coursework assessment (30%). The coursework develops and assesses a range of learning outcomes but with particular emphasis on the transferable skills, while the examination emphasizes, in particular, the cognitive and subject specific skills.

Non-assessed formative feedback will be provided on in class group work activities and individual practical problems.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Examination - Component A	✓	70 %	Written exam (2 hours within a 3 hour window)
Written Assignment - Component B		30 %	Individual assignment (2000 words)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Examination - Component A	✓	70 %	Written exam (2 hours within a 3 hour window)
Written Assignment - Component B		30 %	Individual assignment (2000 words)

	Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

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	Module Learning Outcomes	Reference				
	Evaluate the institutional context of investments.	MO1				
	Evaluate the main characteristics of equity, fixed-income and alternative investments.	e MO2				
	Apply valuation techniques for equity and fixed-income securities	MO3				
	Evaluate the main characteristics of derivatives and their markets.	MO4				
	Apply valuation techniques for the pricing of derivatives	MO5				
	Critically evaluate financial innovations and instruments	MO6				
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:					
	Independent study/self-guided study	114				
	Total Independent Study Hours:	114				
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:					
	Face-to-face learning	36				
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	36				
	Hours to be allocated	150				
	Allocated Hours	150				
Reading List	The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:					
	https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umacrj-15-m.html					

Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Finance and Investment [Sep][PT][Frenchay][3yrs] MSc 2021-22

Finance and Investment [Sep][FT][Frenchay][1yr] MSc 2021-22

Finance [Sep][FT][BAV][1yr] MSc 2021-22