

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: FUND ACCOUNTING AND LENDING
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Arts, Professional and Social Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Dublin Business School

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 77.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 163

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	50.000
Tutorial	25.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Group Assignment	30.0	
Exam	AS2	Examination	70.0	2.00

Aims

To provide learners with an overview of the nature, scope and role of the Financial Services Sector.

To provide learners with a knowledge and understanding of the range of financial products available within the sector.

To give learners a platform to appraise the factors causing change within the industry.

To provide an understanding of the operation of the funds industry, fund valuation and periodic financial reporting requirements.

To provide learners with a knowledge of fundamental lending principles and their application in commercial banking.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe role, function and nature of the Financial Services Sector and its various components.
- 2 Evaluate the operation, benefits and limitations of financial products.
- 3 Discuss recent changes within the Financial Services Sector.
- 4 Prepare and present financial statements in a form appropriate for the funds industry.
- 5 Apply lending principles to a given lending scenario and formulate an opinion on credit worthiness.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

GROUP	1	2	3		
ASSIGNMENT					
EXAM	1	2	3	4	5

Outline Syllabus

1. Introduction to the Financial Services industry; Industry Analysis Range of sectors and activities within the industry Importance to overall Irish economy; Recent changes in the industry

2. Credit Institutions - Banks, Building Societies; Role of Credit Intermediaries Funding and Resources (Deposits); Other Banking Services

3. Credit Unions Role and operation of Credit Unions in Ireland Authorised investment instruments for credit unions ILCU; CUMA

4. Introduction to Lending Corporate and personal lending products Fundamental lending principles

Micro and macro-economic factors affecting lending decisions Concept and application of credit risk and credit scoring

5. Introduction to Insurance Industry; Industry structure Types of insurance (Life, Non-Life, Reassurance)

6. Retail Intermediaries Intermediary Classification Dealing with Client Monies

7. Introduction to International Markets; Understanding Different Markets - Equities, Bonds, Money Markets, Commodities, Derivatives/Options Investor profile and investment objectives; Role and operation of credit rating agencies - Moodys,

Standard & Poors, Fitch; Understanding credit ratings

8. Funds Industry Overview Industry Analysis Role and functions of fund counterparties

Fundamental Principles of Fund Accounting

9. Investing in Funds Type and structure of funds - Open / Closed, UCITS/Non-UCITS,

Qualifying/Professional Investor Funds Overview of investment strategies

Understanding underlying

assets within funds

10. Fund Accounting Fund valuation NAV calculation Bond valuation

Learning Activities

Lectures and tutorials.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Casey, J.
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Introduction to equity investment
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	Blackhall Publishing
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Power, T., Walsh,
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Financial Management
Subtitle	An Irish text
Edition	3rd
Publisher	Gill & Macmillan
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Allen, K
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Ireland's Economic Crash
Subtitle	a radical agenda for change, Dublin.
Edition	2nd
Publisher	The Liffey Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Rutterford, J.
Publishing Year	2006

Title	Financial Strategy
Subtitle	Adding Stakeholder Value
Edition	2nd
Publisher	John Wiley & Sons
ISBN	

Notes

This module is designed to provide a general overview of the Financial Services Sector, changes in recent years and the importance of the industry to the Irish economy. Learners will gain an understanding of the basic principles and operations of each individual sector within the industry.

There will be a particular focus on fund accounting and lending as these make up a significant portion of the overall industry.