

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: PERSONAL FINANCE, INVESTMENT PLANNING & ADVICE  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6507SERBS** (118202)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Academic Portfolio  
Teaching School/Faculty: South Eastern Regional College

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 78  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 162

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	26
Tutorial	52

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Report	Investment Simulation - Students will be asked to invest funds (buy and sell) throughout the year, justify their selection and evaluate their performance with reference to both theory and practice.	33	
Report	Report	Personal Finance - During the first half of the year students will be asked to obtain a mortgage, arrange life insurance and a pension, justify and evaluate their choice.	33	
Report	Report	Investment Planning - At the end of the year students will be asked to prepare a financial	34	

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		plan, advice and recommendations for a series of clients in line with tax and regulatory requirements and current practice.		

## Aims

*To provide students an ability to:*

- 1. make informed personal financial decisions;*
- 2. prepare a financial plan, advice and recommendations for clients in line with regulatory requirements and current banking practice.*

*As a result, in line with Government and Bank of England recommendations this module will:*

- 1. prepare students for the personal financial decisions they will need to make in their future;*
- 2. prepare students for a career in investment banking or as financial advisors.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate personal investment strategies and provide financial planning recommendations considering the risk-return trade-off, the role of portfolio theory, market efficiency and portfolio performance;
- 2 Explain and evaluate the regulatory and taxation framework and their impact upon personal investment decisions;
- 3 Analyse and evaluate the implications of personal debt and provide recommendations to manage debt;
- 4 Evaluate the role of Pension and Assurance Companies with reference the selection of appropriate products and market events;
- 5 Determine a client's needs and prepare a client profile in line with regulatory requirements;
- 6 Prepare justified Financial Plans, Advice and Recommendations for clients with the following present and potential future needs: Investment Planning, Tax Planning, Retirement Planning, Estate Planning and Administration.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Report	1	2
Report	3	4
Report	5	6

## **Outline Syllabus**

### *Section A: Introduction - The Personal Finance & Investment Market*

- 1. Major Personal Financial Decisions*
- 2. Financial Products/Services & Providers – the Institutions & Markets*
- 3. The Regulatory Framework and the impact on personal financial decisions*
- 4. The Taxation Framework and the impact on personal financial decisions*

### *Section B: The Personal Finance Life Cycle*

- 5. Savings*
- 6. Personal Debt & Debt Management*
- 7. Retirement Planning - Pensions & Annuities*
- 8. The Housing Market & Mortgage Products*
- 9. Life assurance & Assurance Related Investments*
- 10. Investments - Real & Financial*
- 11. Portfolio Theory; Risk & Return*
- 12. Stock Markets & Investing in Shares*
- 13. Evaluating Portfolio Performance*
- 14. Inheritance Tax & Wills*

### *Section C: Summary - Financial Planning for Clients*

- 15. The Regulatory Regime re Financial Advice and Planning*
- 16. Preparation of a Client Profile*
- 17. Investment Planning*
- 18. Tax Planning*
- 19. Retirement Planning*
- 20. Estate Planning and Administration*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, tutorials and workshops during which students will analyse case studies in order to determine personal and client's investment needs and prepare a financial plan, advice and recommendations in line with regulatory requirements and current banking practice.

## **Notes**

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1. make informed personal financial decisions
2. prepare a financial plan, advice and recommendations for clients in line with regulatory requirements and current banking practice.

As a result, in line with Government and Bank of England recommendations this module will:

1. prepare students for the personal financial decisions they will need to make in their future and,
2. prepare students for a career in investment banking or as financial advisors.

**Coursework:**

In order to prepare students to make sound personal financial decisions in the future and to simulate the World of Work students will be actively involved in the analysis and evaluation of three Case Studies:

1. Investment Simulation: 33.3%
2. Personal Finance, relating to Personal decisions: 33.3%
3. Investment Planning, relating to Client recommendations and advice: 33.3%

The module is fully supported by Blackboard which includes, lecture notes, tutorial questions & answers, past examination papers & marking schemes and appropriate internet links and readings.