



FACULTY OF BUSINESS
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE WITH DATA ANALYTICS

LEARNING MODULE OUTLINE

Academic Year	2024 / 2025	Semester	I
Module Code	FIDA6122-111		
Learning Module	Corporate Finance		
Pre-requisite(s)	N/A		
Medium of Instruction	English		
Credits	3	Contact Hours	45hrs.
Instructor	XIN XIANG	Email	xxiang@mpu.edu.mo
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MODULE DESCRIPTION

This learning module is an introduction to corporate finance. It covers corporate finance concepts and theories including valuation, risk and return, capital structure, and dividend policies.

MODULE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOS)

On completion of this learning module, students will be able to:

M1.	Valuate cash-flow streams including stocks, bonds and enterprises.
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M3.	Approximate the organisation's cost of capital, and understand how this cost is impacted by taxation, "leverage" and other factors
M4.	Demonstrate good communication, working with others skills through project and assignments as well as classroom discussions for local and global issues in the world of corporate finance
M5.	Identify and address ethical issues in corporate financial decisions

These ILOs aims to enable students to attain the following Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs):

Knowledge and Understanding On completion of this programme, students will be able to:						
PILOs		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
PI	Master critical knowledge of financial theories, financial models and data analytics in finance and apply it to a	√	√	√		



	wide range of complex financial issues.					
PI	Expand knowledge of finance and data analytics through critically evaluating current issues informed by leading edge research and practice in the industry.	√	√	√	√	
Skills and Attributes On completion of this programme, students will be able to:						
PI	Conduct applied research, particularly using data analytics, into financial issues through a rigorous and systematic approach.	√	√	√	√	
PI	Communicate effectively, written and orally, to both professional and non-professional audiences on local and global financial issues.				√	√
PI	Demonstrate skills in time management, teamwork, leadership and independent study so that tasks can be planned and implemented at a professional level.				√	
PI	Identify and address ethical dilemmas and social responsibility issues to uphold high standards of integrity, professionalism and ethical behaviour.					√

MODULE SCHEDULE, COVERAGE AND STUDY LOAD

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14	Group project	3 hrs.
15	Final Exam	3 hrs.
	Total	45 hrs.

TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Teaching and Learning Activities	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
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Total:	100%	M1-M5

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MARKING SCHEME

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