

AC6531: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Financial Management

Subject Code

AC - Accountancy

Course Number

6531

Academic Unit

Accountancy (AC)

College/School

College of Business (CB)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to prepare students to apply relevant knowledge and skills as expected of a financial executive and advisor regarding the financial management of an organization and to exercise professional judgement in decision-making.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Identify and explain the relationship between risk and return and the relevance of these parameters to financial decisions.	x	x	
2	Apply various concepts of valuation in financial assets and real assets.	x	x	
3	Identify and evaluate different sources of finance, and their risks and costs.	x	x	
4	Demonstrate numerical competence in analyzing financial information and selecting the financial policies that optimize the use of financial resources.	x	x	
5	Analyze and develop reports for management about the financial consequences of different financial policies.	x	x	

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)	
1	Lecture	Students will engage in lectures that explain and illustrate core concepts and theories and clarify main points in assigned readings.	1, 2, 3	2.5 hrs/week
2	In-class exercise	Students will engage in in-class activities that involves small group discussions and in-class exercise to develop their skills in analysing financial information and making financial decision.	4, 5	0.5 hrs/week

3	Case study/ group project#	Students will engage in a case study/group project that develops their skills in analysing financial information and advising the financial executive in the financial management of organization.	4, 5	
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Additional Information for LTAs

DEC LTA element

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	In-class exercise and assignments	4, 5	10	Students are permitted to use Generative AI tools for information searching; however, they are strictly prohibited from using AI to write any part of their assessment reports.	Yes
2	Mid-term test	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	30	-	No
3	Case study/group project#	4, 5	10	Students are required to properly acknowledge the use of GenAI tools, and provide explanation of why the piece of response from the GenAI tool is adopted.	Yes

Continuous Assessment (%)

50

Examination (%)

50

Examination Duration (Hours)

3

Additional Information for ATs

DEC AT element

Students are required to pass both coursework and examination components to guarantee to pass the course. Failing either component may lead to failure in the course. The passing mark is generally 50.

Assessment Rubrics (AR)

Assessment Task

In-class exercise and assignments (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

Criterion

Ability to analyze financial information and making financial decision.

Excellent

(A+, A, A-) High

Good

(B+, B, B-) Significant

Fair

(C+, C, C-) Moderate

Marginal

(D) Basic

Failure

(F) Not even reaching marginal level

Assessment Task

Mid-term test (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

Criterion

Ability to analyze financial information and to advise financial executive in the financial management of organization.

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Assessment Task

Final examination (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

Criterion

Ability to analyze financial information and to advise financial executive in the financial management of organization.

Excellent

(A+, A, A-) High

Good

(B+, B, B-) Significant

Fair

(C+, C, C-) Moderate

Marginal

(D) Basic

Failure

(F) Not even reaching marginal level

Assessment Task

In-class exercise and assignments (for students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024)

Criterion

Ability to analyze financial information and making financial decision.

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(B-, C+, C) Basic

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Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Roles and Responsibilities of financial executives; Investment Appraisal; Valuation of bonds and stocks; Hybrid financing; Cost of Capital and Corporate Valuation; Capital Structure and Dividend Decisions; Derivatives and Risk Management; Options Theories; Special Financial Decisions; Agency Theory.

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	Eugene F. Brigham and Michael C. Ehrhardt, Financial Management: Theory and Practice Thomson Learning, latest edition.
2	Ross S.A., Westerfield R.W., Jaffe J.F., Jordan B.D., Corporate Finance: Core Principles and Applications McGraw-Hill, latest edition.
3	Brigham E.F. and Houston J.F., Essential of Financial Management Cengage Learning, latest edition.
4	Ross S.A., Westerfield R.W., Jaffe J.F., Jordan B.D., Corporate Finance McGraw-Hill, latest edition.
5	Peter Atrill Financial Management for Decision Makers Pearson, latest edition.

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Brealey, R. A., S. C. Myers, and F. Allen, Principles of Corporate Finance, McGraw-Hill, latest edition.
2	Berk J. and DeMarzo P., Corporate Finance: The Core, Pearson, latest edition.
3	Websites: International Monetary Fund, HK Monetary Authority, HK Exchanges and Clearing Limited, Yahoo! Finance
4	HKICPA QP Module B Learning Pack, latest edition
5	HKICPA Past examination papers of QP Module B