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School of Economics and Finance

**MOFI 302**  
**FINANCIAL POLICY & MANAGEMENT**

Trimester Two 2009

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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**Names and Contact Details**

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**Trimester Dates**

**Teaching Period: Monday 13 July to Friday 16 October 2009**

**End of Year Study Period: Monday 19 October to Monday 26 October 2009**

**Examination Period: Tuesday, 27 October to Saturday 14 November 2009 (inclusive).**

**Note: Students who enrol in courses with examinations should be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period.**

**Withdrawal dates:** Information available via

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

**Class Times and Room Numbers**

Class times: Monday and Thursday 11.30am – 1.20pm GBLT4 - Pipitea Campus.

**Course Content**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	13 Jul	Introduction to the course
2	16 Jul	Ricardo: Does Public Debt Really Matter?
3	20 Jul	Top Soil
4	23 Jul	King Cod
5	27 Jul	Bowling Green
6	30 Jul	PIE: Effective interest rates
7	03 Aug	Chan Clip Company
8	06 Aug	* Radio Blank
9	10 Aug	Trade Services A
10	13 Aug	Regal Salmon
11	17 Aug	Debby Green of Capital Mortgage Income Trust
12	20 Aug	* TSIR Car Case Study

Mid-term break

13	07 Sep	Discussion on mergers and takeovers
14	10 Sep	Horokiwi Forest
15	14 Sep	* Fletcher Building
16	17 Sep	Cobble Case Study
17	21 Sep	Total Concepts Limited
18	24 Sep	International lunar effects
19	28 Sep	Unequal lives
20	01 Oct	Energy Direct or Trade Services B -- (class vote)
21	05 Oct	FX Case Study
22	08 Oct	Presentations
23	12 Oct	* Essay Assignment and Presentations
24	15 Oct	Review of Course

NB: These cases will be available on Blackboard.

**Course Learning Objectives**

At the end of this course, successful students will be able to:

- CO-1. Utilise the finance theory developed in MOFI 201 and self learn cognate finance theories.
- CO-2. Appreciate the impact of non-financial aspects on financial decision making.
- CO-3. Analyse situations where decisions have to be made without full information and where there may not be a unique answer.
- CO-4. Develop strategies for a variety of situations (not for profit and for profit).
- CO-5. Present structured analyses of existing or proposed financial strategies (verbal and written).
- CO-6. Summarise complex information (in a finance context).

Table 1: MOFI 302 - Link between Course Objectives and Assessment

Course Objective	Assessment Item			
	Case Study			Essay
	I	II	III	I
CO-1	x	x	x	x
CO-2	x	x	x	-
CO-3	x	x	x	x
CO-4	x	x	x	-
CO-5	x	x	x	-
CO-6	x	x	x	x

**Course Delivery**

There will be two 2-hour sessions each week. Attendance is strongly recommended.

### **Expected Workload**

It is expected that the preparation for the written assignment will entail approximately 25 hours each, (a total of 100 hours) for a 15-point course, which will typically be spread over a 15 week period (the 12 teaching weeks, mid-trimester break, study week and the examination period). And that preparation for each class will require 4 hours of reading, thought and study (96 hours in total). It is estimated that the average workload per week including classes (48 hours in total) will be approximately 20 hours.

### **Readings, Materials and Equipment**

All case studies and assignments can be obtained from Blackboard. Extra material will also be available in the Course Resources section of Blackboard.

### **Assessment Requirements**

- 25% Radio Blank Case Study to be handed in on 6 August 2009
- 25% TSIR Car Case Study to be handed in on 20 August 2009
- 25% Fletcher Building Case Study to be handed in on 14 September 2009
- 25% Essay on a financial topic of your choice (approx 1,200 words) to be handed in on 12 October 2009.

*Note: Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCA programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.*

### **Examinations**

There is no final examination for this course, as it is fully internally accessed.

### **Penalties**

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, late submission of assignments will carry a penalty of 5% per day. Please contact the Course Coordinator as soon as possible if such circumstances occur.

### **Mandatory Course Requirements**

You will provide an A4 page (double sided if necessary) of preparation notes before the start of each class. Save an extra copy of these notes in a portfolio and submit the portfolio at the last class. These notes are not required for the sessions where : (i) assignments are discussed; or (ii) mergers and takeovers are discussed or (iii) the International Monday Effect seminar.

### **Communication of Additional Information**

Any additional information will be put on Blackboard.

### **Use of Turnitin**

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources

including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting mis-referencing, mis-quotation and the inclusion of unattributed material which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. *At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.* Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submission will not be made available to any other party.

You are strongly advised to check with your Course Coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other courses.

**For the following important information follow the links provided:**

**Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

**General University Policies and Statutes**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy/academic.aspx>

**Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/Contactus.aspx>

**Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme**

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/mentoring/](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/mentoring/)