

256-AA Postgraduate Diploma in Finance

Year and Campus:	2008										
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees										
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate										
Duration & Credit Points:											
Contact:	Graduate School Office, Faculty of Economics and Commerce										
Course Overview:	<p>Graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma in Finance should have the capacity to work in professional practice by applying the specialist financial knowledge that this course aims to provide. The course is designed for students with a pre-existing Bachelor of Commerce (or equivalent) to undertake a broader and more comprehensive training in finance than is feasible within an undergraduate degree.</p>										
Objectives:	<p>In particular this course aims to provide graduates with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Extensive applications of finance theory; # Detailed knowledge of the operations and activities of financial markets; # A practical and career-oriented program; # An understanding of financial management principles and their application to corporate financial policy; # A comprehensive understanding of Australian and international financial markets; # A comprehensive knowledge of derivative assets and the operation of the markets in these assets; and # An applied knowledge of various specialised aspects of the finance industry. <p>On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Identify and apply fundamental principles of finance; # Identify, critically evaluate and interpret financial decision problems; # Analyse new and ever changing financial issues; # Analyse and synthesise financial data within a constantly evolving financial environment; # Describe the significance and value of their knowledge gained to the wider community (including business and the financial industry); and # Apply a knowledge of computer systems and software where appropriate to the study of finance. <p>On successful completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate the following attributes and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Oral and written communication; # Time management, particularly in relation to competing deadlines; # Team work, which should be fostered through self-directed project work; # Using computer systems and software; # Problem solving; and # Analysis and synthesis of information. 										
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	The Diploma consists of eight semester length subjects comprising five core finance subjects and three elective subjects.										
Subject Options:	<p>Five core subjects:</p> <p>Select ONE of the following two subjects:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>316-806 Quantitative Analysis of Finance I</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>316-449 Financial Econometrics</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Select ONE of the following two subjects:</p>		Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	316-806 Quantitative Analysis of Finance I	Semester 1	12.50	316-449 Financial Econometrics	Semester 2	12.50
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Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
306-660 Accounting for Decision Making	Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer	12.50
306-610 Financial Statement Analysis	Semester 1	12.50

Select ONE of the following two subjects:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
333-810 Financial Spreadsheets	Semester 2	12.50
333-403 Numerical Techniques in Finance	Semester 2	12.50

Select BOTH of the following subjects:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
333-816 Financial Markets and Instruments	Semester 1	12.50
316-807 Economics of Finance	Semester 2	12.50

Three elective subjects chosen from:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
333-811 Treasury Management	Semester 2	12.50
333-815 Fundamentals of Portfolio Management	Semester 2	12.50
333-635 Public Sector Financial Management	Semester 2	12.50
333-819 Project Finance	Semester 1	12.50
333-820 Property Investment, Development Finance	Semester 1	12.50

Other fourth year (level four), Masters (level six) or Postgraduate Diploma (level eight) subjects as approved by the Academic Director of the program.

Entry Requirements:	The minimum entry requirement is an undergraduate degree of good academic standard with some studies in finance (or its equivalent).
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Notes:	<p>If 333-301 Investments and 333-302 Corporate Finance or equivalent subjects have not previously been taken, these must be included in the course of study (and taken in the first semester).</p> <p>No more than 25 points (usually two subjects of 12.5 points each) can be chosen from subjects at third year (level three) and are subject to the approval of the Academic Director of the program.</p>

A maximum of two Master of Commerce (Finance) subjects (level six) can be included as part of the Postgraduate Diploma in Finance.

Students wishing to progress to the Master of Financial Management must apply for progression in writing (addressed to the Faculty Professional Programs Office) towards the end of their last semester of enrolment in the Postgraduate Diploma in Finance.

Students must pass all eight subjects to qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in Finance