

FNCE40004 Research Methods in Finance

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One 3-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	<u>333-302 Corporate Finance (/view/2010/333-302)</u> and <u>333-301 Investments (/view/2010/333-301)</u> .
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Please refer to Prerequisites and Corequisites.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements for this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This course provides students with an understanding of issues involved in the design and conduct of empirical research in finance (including the application of statistical and econometric techniques) by examination of recent seminal published work in selected areas of the finance discipline. In doing so, it aims to help students develop a critical perspective on the development of the academic finance discipline and its contribution to the practice of finance.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Discuss how research questions are created and developed into researchable and testable models. # Appreciate the range of alternative empirical methods in finance. # Develop an ability to critically analyse the research of others in finance. # Provide the opportunity to develop a research proposal in finance.
Assessment:	A 3-hour end-of-semester examination (60%) and written assignments totalling not more than 4000 words (40%).
Prescribed Texts:	You will be advised of prescribed texts by your lecturer.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # High level of development: problem solving; statistical reasoning; application of theory to practice; synthesis of data and other information; evaluation of data and other information; use of computer software. # Moderate level of development: written communication; interpretation and analysis; critical thinking; accessing data and other information from a range of sources.

Some level of development: oral communication; collaborative learning; team work.