

BANKING AND FINANCE

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UNIT SPECIFICATION

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Unit Title

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Credit value

The credit value for this unit is 30 30 credits equivalent to 300 hours of teaching and learning (10 hours is equivalent to 1 credit) Guided learning hours (GLH) = 50 hours GLH includes lectures, tutorials and supervised study. This may vary to suit the needs and requirements of the learner and/or the approved centre of study. Directed learning = 50 hours: This includes advance reading and preparation, group study, and undertaking research tasks. Self-managed learning = 200 hours: This includes completing assignments and working through the core and additional reading texts. It also includes personal research reading

via other physical and/or electronic resources.



Learning outcome Learner will:	Assessment criteria Learner can:
1.0 Understand the financial management function within the organization	1.1 Explain what is meant by financial management1.2 Examine the key objectives of financial management1.3 Evaluate the key elements to the process of financial management1.4 Give an account on the decision function of management
2.0 Understand the concept of value creation and profit maximization in an organization	2.1 Examine the concept of profit maximization and value creation in a company2.2 Examine the relevance of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 20022.3 Give an account on the agency theory
3.0 Understand the importance of financial management knowledge to a bank manager	3.1 Examine why a bank manager requires knowledge of financial management3.2 Different between management reporting and financial reporting
4.0 Understand the nature of the financial services industry	4.1 Describe the functions of the different kinds of banks4.2 Examine the roles of the financial system4.3 Examine the leading competitors with banks4.4 Discuss the roles banks play in the economy4.5 Analyse the key trends affecting financial services firms
5.0 Understand how to analyse the financial performance of an organization	5.1 Explain the relevance of financial statement analysis5.2 Examine the contents of a balance sheet, cash flow and an income statement.



	 5.3 Calculate and interpret the following liquidity, activity, leverage and profitability ratios 5.4 Examine the advantages and limitations of ratio analysis 5.5 Give an account on the main accounting concepts 5.6 Examine the registers in a typical accounting system
6.0 Understand the financial environment in which businesses operate	 6.1 Differentiate between money markets and capital markets 6.2 Discuss the roles of different financial intermediaries 6.3 Discuss the role of the stock exchange in the economic life of a country 6.4 Describe the ways by which a new issue of shares may be placed before the public 6.5 Describe the characteristics of ordinary shares, preference shares and debentures
7.0 Understand the micro and macro environmental factors that affect business operations.	 7.1 Examine the micro environmental forces that engage with the organization 7.2 Examine the macro environmental forces that affect business activities 7.3 Analyse the stakeholder role of the local community 7.4 Examine the business or economic cycles
8.0 Understand key issues relating to how a business is financed	8.1 Analyse the factors that influence the selection of the most appropriate type of finance for a business8.2 Analyse the characteristics of different types of funding (common stock, preference shares, options and warrants, debentures, bonds,



	convertibles, leasing, loans, factoring and overdrafts)
9.0 Understand the quantitative methods used in making investment decisions	 9.1 Calculate the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) and interpret the outcome 9.2 Examine the factors affecting the WACC 9.3 Calculate the return required by investors using the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) 9.4 Examine the key financial ratios that are relevant to investors 9.5 Examine the factors that affect a company's share price
10.0 Understand the significance of investment appraisal	10.1 Explain what is meant by an investment appraisal10.2 Examine the business case process10.3 Analyse the contents of a business case
11.0 Understand the techniques used in capital budgeting	11.1 Explain what is meant by capital budgeting 11.2 Explain how investment decisions can be made using payback period, net present value, discounted payback and internal rate of return
12.0 Understand the nature of working capital management	 12.1 Explain what is meant by working capital management (net working capital and gross working capital) 12.2 Examine the maturity matching approach to financing 12.3 Examine short term and long term financing 12.4 Explore the management of credit and collection policies 12.5 Calculate and interpret the economic order quantity (EOQ)



	12.6 Evaluate just-in-time system of inventory management
13.0 Understand how the provision of loans can be effectively managed	 13.1 Examine the key factors that shape an individual lender's loan portfolio 13.2 Differentiate between the various types of loans provided by financial service firms 13.3 Examine the steps in the lending process and evaluate their importance to the lending institution 13.4 Analyse how the borrower's creditworthiness can be established prior to lending 13.5 Describe how the loan agreement can be properly structured and documented 13.6 Explain how a consumer loan application can be evaluated 13.7 Analyse how the lender can perfect its claim against the borrower's earning and any assets that may be pledged as collateral 13.8 Explore the sources of information that can be used in loan analysis and evaluation by lenders and loans committees 13.10 Examine the significance of loan reviews and loan workouts to the lending institution
14.0 Understand the nature of international banking	 14.1 Examine the operations of the different types of international banking organization 14.2 Evaluate the importance of international banking regulations 14.3 Describe the services provided by banks in international markets 14.4 Analyse the challenges faced by international banking firms in foreign markets



15.0 Understand the nature of mergers and acquisitions	15.1 Explain what is meant by an acquisition or a merger 15.2 Analyse the motives behind the rapid growth of financial services
	mergers 15.3 Discuss how a financial services institution can make a success of
	a merger



Recommended learning resources

Indicative reading	 Peter S. et al 2010. Bank Management and Financial Services 8th Edition: McGraw Hill USA ISBN 978-007-126965-0 For a full list of textbooks and publications relevant to this unit, please contact IPED - UK.
Learning Aid	 A comprehensive IPED study material is available to aid in learning and research of this unit. We supply IPED course materials free of charge. Our study materials, which offer quick learning start, are comprehensive, use simple English, and are easy to read and understand. The contents are so sufficient and self-explanatory; that in majority of cases readers do not require further support; although support is always available when you need it.

