



FINC19014 *Property Investment and Finance*

Term 2 - 2024

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General Information

Overview

This unit covers the analysis of property investment over time taking financial and business risk factors into account. You will examine property investments from the financial perspective. You will gain insight into real estate as an investment and how it differs from investment in financial instruments. You will produce an investment appraisal report examining an income producing property asset.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

FINC19011 Business Finance

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2024

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes - in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

2. **Take Home Exam**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Gradebook

Feedback

Failure rate has increased from students not submitting assessments.

Recommendation

Aim to be more proactive encouraging students to engage in the major assessment early in the term.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyse the processes involved in investments in property
2. Evaluate alternative property investment strategies
3. Apply discounted cash flow techniques to property investments
4. Incorporate risk analysis into practical investment studies.

The Australian Property Institute (API) has accredited this unit as part of the Bachelor of Property course. This unit contributes to the core knowledge field of the API in Property Finance which includes property investment and it forms pre-requisite studies to the Advanced Valuation unit (PROP19003). The learning outcomes for the unit and the assessments have been designed around the accreditation requirements.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•
2 - Take Home Exam - 50%	•	•	•	

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work	•	•	•	•
6 - Information Technology Competence	•	•	•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence	•	•	•	•
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Practical Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•	•	•				
2 - Take Home Exam - 50%	•	•	•				•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

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Supplementary

Australian Property Investment and Financing

(2009)

Authors: Patrick Rowland

Law Books

Pymont , NSW , Australia

ISBN: 978 0 455 224329

This is a very useful, but not prescribed text book recommended for students who are interested in additional reading in the Australian context of property finance. There will be recommended (not compulsory) extension readings taken from this book for students who have access to it.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- CoreLogic RPData property information system
- EndNote: referencing software available from CQUniversity Library.
- The Property Program Gateway
- Spreadsheet, e.g. Excel: some prior experience is useful as the unit introduces advanced spreadsheet skills. Consider sourcing training exercises before starting the unit if you are weak with spreadsheets or mathematics. Consider contacting the Academic Learning Centre for personal training in spreadsheet use if appropriate.

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

01 Real Estate as Investment - 08 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Real Estate as Investment	1 & 2	

02 Property Investment Strategies - 15 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Property Investment Strategies	3	

03 Discounted Cash Flow Appraisal - 22 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Discounted Cash Flow Appraisal	6 & 7	

04 Taxation and Property Investment - 29 Jul 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Taxation and Property Investment	5	

05 Risk and Uncertainty Modelling - 05 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Risk and Uncertainty Modelling	9	

Vacation Week - 12 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

06 Debt Markets and Investment Strategies - 19 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Debt Markets and Investment Strategies	4 & 13	

07 Forecasting Theory - 26 Aug 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Forecasting Theory	8	

08 Historical Trends, Culture & Risk - 02 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Historical Trends, Culture & Risk	14	

09 Money and Interest Rate Theory - 09 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Money and Interest Rate Theory	12	Investment Appraisal Assignment due on Friday. Investment Appraisal Due: Week 9 Friday (13 Sept 2024) 11:59 am AEST

10 Property Development Investment - 16 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Property Development Investment		

11 Wealth Effects within property - 23 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Wealth Effects within property	15	Investment Appraisal Assignment returned on Friday.

12 Portfolio Investment - 30 Sep 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Portfolio Investment	10	

Review/Exam Week - 07 Oct 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Exam Week - 14 Oct 2024

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Investment Appraisal

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

An advanced investment appraisal of an actual property using Discounted Cash Flow analysis. This assignment will give you experience using the techniques currently employed in the appraisal of major investment properties. In this exercise you will use as your case study an actual property of your choice, source actual data relevant to its investment performance, and perform advanced investment appraisal analysis. It provides the opportunity to apply analysis techniques developed in class on an actual property. It will use a simple property to facilitate the acquisition of the relevant data, but the analysis will go beyond what is commonly applied to simple investment properties. Having completed this assignment you will be able to analyse a wide range of investment properties, from the very simple to the most complex.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Friday (13 Sept 2024) 11:59 am AEST

Submit MS Word compatible formats (eg. .doc. .docx, .rtf, Open Office format). Pdf format will not be accepted.

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Friday (27 Sept 2024)

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

The Assignment will be marked using criteria and rubrics available in detail on the Moodle site. The general grading expectations may be found in the General Grading Rubrics for Property Economics Units found on the Property Gateway. The criteria for this assignment are as follows:

Criterion

- 1 Presentation
- 2 Property Description
- 3 Economic Outlook
- 4 Data Quality
- 5 Risk Analysis
- 6 DCF Model (Test data)
- 7 Practitioner Contact
- 8 Negative Gearing
- 9 Insightfulness

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See Moodle site

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse the processes involved in investments in property
- Evaluate alternative property investment strategies
- Apply discounted cash flow techniques to property investments
- Incorporate risk analysis into practical investment studies.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence

2 Take Home Examination

Assessment Type

Take Home Exam

Task Description

A take home examination will be available via Moodle. It will examine the whole unit. It will be similar in content to past formal examinations. The form of the examination will be discussed in the first four weeks of class. Further details will be published on the Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

The examination time is subject to revision and will be advised by the end of week four. The examination will be available on Moodle for at least 18 hours, but will only require less than three hours to complete. Submission will be via file upload into Moodle.

Return Date to Students

As a final examination, only a general set of comments on class performance will be issued. No individual student feedback will be issued. The date of issue of class comments may be adjusted depending on circumstances at the time.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Normal examination criteria will be expected. Accuracy, completeness, presentation and style will be the basic expectations, with evidence of insightful mastery of the material including wider reading and understanding for the higher grades.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submission via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse the processes involved in investments in property
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- Apply discounted cash flow techniques to property investments

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem