Why choose this course?

Finance is a dynamic field, focusing on the borrowing, lending and investing of money by individuals, financial institutions, business and government organisations. Professional financiers administer the finance function of organisations, analysing and interpreting information to assess their needs and provide advice.

With a degree in finance you will develop the skills to analyse business portfolios and provide recommendations for best financial returns. In this course you have the opportunity to listen to real-world practitioners as they explain how the value of investments changes over time.

You will learn core concepts and skills in finance related to project evaluation, capital structure, security analysis and pricing, portfolio management, international finance and risk management.

Throughout this course you will take part in hands-on projects including capital investment appraisal, firm valuation, portfolio allocations and risk management using up-to-date information from our Securities Dealing Room.

Students who are keen to gain a deeper understanding of finance should consider enrolling in one or both of the finance extensions. Empirical finance extension develops students’ advanced technical and research skills and is a useful foundation for students considering honours. Financial services extension is designed for students considering a career in the banking and financial services sectors.

If you are fascinated by foreign investment, exchange rates, stock market fluctuations or corporate finance, consider a career in finance.

Real-world learning

The major begins with units on quantitative analysis and economics that extend your learning from the core units of our Bachelor of Business degree. You will then be exposed to core concepts and skills in finance, including financial instruments, capital planning, funds acquisition, asset and debt management, financial analysis, and investments management.

Daniella Dinkha
Learn business strategy

‘The best part of my job as Relationship Manager with Westpac Commercial is working with innovative and strategic-minded individuals behind the commercial entities within our customer base. I experience first-hand the challenges our business clients face. At QUT I learnt to think critically and strategically—skills I apply every day as I advise our major clients on funding strategies.’
Bachelor of Business (Finance)

The finance capstone unit integrates learning across the major by giving you the opportunity to apply your skills to a variety of simulations of real-world situations in the finance industry.

Securities Dealing Room
QUT’s Securities Dealing Room gives you access to data from Bloomberg, providers of financial data to many of the world’s financial institutions. This comprehensive set of data on companies, commodities and economies will allow you, in your final-year project work, to conduct real-world financial analysis with the theories you have learned.

Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas:

- English, or Literature, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an Additional Language (Units 3 & 4, C)
- General Mathematics, or Mathematical Methods, or Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Course structure
Finance major units
- Financial markets
- Finance 1
- Economics 2
- Corporate finance
- International finance
- Investments
- Risk management and derivatives
- Finance capstone

Recommended complementary study areas
Finance extension options
- Empirical finance

Second major and minor options
- Economics
- Accountancy
- Management
- International business

Additional minor options
- Applied economics
- Quantitative economics

Careers and outcomes
Financial management skills are in demand by businesses of all kinds. The skills you develop in this course will prepare you for a variety of career paths including investment strategy, financial portfolio management, stock analysis or even corporate borrowing and managing foreign exchange risk.

Graduate positions include:
- financial analyst
- financial markets dealer
- commercial banker
- banking and finance professional
- corporate secretary
- investment manager
- stockbroker.

Professional recognition
Graduates of the finance major meet the academic requirements for associate membership of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You'll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Research pathways
Bachelor of Business (Honours) option
High-achieving students who wish to take further studies may enrol in B663 Bachelor of Business (Honours).