



UNSW Business School Course Outline

FINS3646 Toolkit for Finance - 2022

Study Level
Undergraduate

Term
Term 3

UOC
6

Location
On Campus and
Online

School
Banking & Finance

1. Course Details

Summary of Course

Toolkit for Finance introduces the skills necessary to understand, contribute to, and thrive with technological advances in the financial services industry. Using a project-based approach, students learn how to write simple Python code to solve practical problems. Projects include collection of Internet-based financial data, real-time analysis of arbitrage opportunities, and asset pricing, along with related analytical methods, such as event-studies analysis. Concepts learned in this course may be applied to traditional Finance roles, such as investment banking, as well as different area of FinTech, including digital currency, blockchain settlement, hedging, trading strategies, and financial advisory.

Teaching Times and Locations

Please note that teaching times and locations are subject to change. Students are strongly advised to refer to the Class Timetable website for the most up-to-date teaching times and locations.

[View course timetable](#)

Course Policies & Support

The Business School expects that you are familiar with the contents of this course outline and the UNSW and Business School learning expectations, rules, policies and support services as listed below:

- Program Learning Outcomes
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Student Responsibilities and Conduct
- Special Consideration
- Protocol for Viewing Final Exam Scripts
- Student Learning Support Services

Further information is provided in the [Assessment](#) and [Policies and Support](#) sections.

Students may not circulate or post online any course materials such as handouts, exams, syllabi or similar resources from their courses without the written permission of their instructor.

Course Aims and Relationship to Other Courses

Toolkit for Finance (TFF) is intended for students of all backgrounds; no prior coding experience is required. FINS3645 (Financial Market Data Design and Analysis) provides useful background information on active areas in FinTech but is not a prerequisite for this course. TFF is part of the School of Banking and Finance's FinTech (Financial Technology) series of courses, and it should provide useful background knowledge for more advanced courses. TFF should also prove useful for students pursuing careers outside FinTech, teaching them more efficient ways to solve standard Financial problems.

Student Learning Outcomes

The Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) are what you should be able to demonstrate by the end of this course, if you participate fully in learning activities and successfully complete the assessment items.

CLOs also contribute to your achievement of the Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs), which are developed across the duration of a program for all students. More information on coursework PLOs is available under [Policies and Support](#). PLOs are, in turn, directly linked to [UNSW graduate capabilities](#) and the aspiration to develop “globally focussed graduates who are rigorous scholars, capable of leadership and professional practice in an international community”.

For PG research PLOs please refer to the [UNSW HDR Graduate Attributes and LearningOutcomes](#).

The following table shows how the CLOs for this course relate to the overall PLOs and indicates where each CLO and PLO is assessed:

Course Learning Outcomes	Program Learning Outcomes	Course Assessment Item
On successful completion of the course, you should be able to:	This course helps you to develop the following Program Learning Outcomes:	This learning outcome will be assessed in the following items:
Apply computational tools in real-world settings to solve problems encountered in the financial services industry.	PLO 1: Business knowledge PLO 2: Problem solving PLO 3: Business communication PLO 4: Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class contribution and weekly assignments • Projects • Final exam
Analyse financial market data using standard statistical methodologies, event study models and factor models.	PLO 1: Business knowledge PLO 2: Problem solving PLO 3: Business communication PLO 4: Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class contribution and weekly assignments • Projects • Final exam
Exercise critical thinking skills by testing implications of theoretical models and reasoning towards a conclusion or application.	PLO 1: Business knowledge PLO 2: Problem solving PLO 3: Business communication PLO 4: Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class contribution and weekly assignments • Projects • Final exam
Collaborate in teams to find solutions to real-world problems encountered in the finance sector.	PLO 1: Business knowledge PLO 2: Problem solving PLO 3: Business communication PLO 4: Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class contribution and weekly assignments • Projects
Translate abstract financial theories into usable tools for competing in the Finance workplace.	PLO 1: Business knowledge PLO 2: Problem solving PLO 3: Business communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class contribution and weekly assignments • Projects • Final exam

Course Learning Outcomes	Program Learning Outcomes	Course Assessment Item
	PLO 4: Teamwork	

2. Staff Contact Details

Position	Title	Name	Email	Location	Phone	Consultation Times
Lecturer-in-charge	AProf	Breno Schmidt	Email	Business School 343	–	TBD
Lecturer	Dr	Yiping Lin	Email	–	–	–

Given current social distancing guidelines, we expect to conduct consultation hours online. This will be done either through Zoom or Blackboard Collaborate. Details and links will be posted on the course Moodle page.

3. Learning and Teaching Activities

Use of your Webcam and Digital Devices: If you enrol in an online class, or the online stream of a hybrid class, teaching and associated activities will be conducted using Teams, Zoom, or similar a technology. Using a webcam is optional, but highly encouraged, as this will facilitate interaction with your peers and instructors. If you are worried about your personal space being observed during a class, we encourage you to blur your background or make use of a virtual background. Please contact the Lecturer-in-Charge if you have any questions or concerns.

Some courses may involve undertaking online exams for which your own computer or digital devices will be required. Monitoring of online examinations will be conducted directly by University staff and is bound by the University's privacy and security requirements. Any data collected will be handled accordance with [UNSW policies and standards for data governance](#). For more information on how the University manages personal information please refer to the [UNSW Student Privacy Statement](#) and the [UNSW Privacy Policy](#).

Approach to Learning and Teaching in the Course

Toolkit for Finance uses a hands-on, project-oriented teaching approach. Sessions will first introduce a high-level task in Finance. We will then discuss solutions to that problem, building intuition from non-automated solutions. The class then pivots to the key concepts of the day, before finally implementing a solution in Python.

Toolkit for Finance is intended to help people studying Finance develop new skills. Such skills can help them learn alternate ways to accomplish typical work-place tasks or do things that would not otherwise be possible. Such skills help people work efficiently and develop long-term marketplace competitiveness.

Learning Activities and Teaching Strategies

Toolkit for Finance emphasises concrete, non-theoretical learning activities and teaching strategies. During class time, students will work side-by-side with teachers in real-time, solving typical problems encountered in Finance. This ensures that the students have experience implementing material and not simply an abstract understanding. We will also use online platforms and projects to reinforce concepts. The online Ed platform will detail key ideas and provide students with weekly practice assignments. Projects allow students to develop their own skills in Python.

4. Assessment

Formal Requirements

In order to pass this course, you must:

- achieve a composite mark of at least 50 out of 100;
- meet any additional requirements described in the Assessment Summary section.

You are expected to attempt all assessment requirements in the course.

Assessment Structure

Assessment Task	Weighting	Length	Due Date
Assessment 1: Class contribution and weekly assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly assignments 20%• Class contribution 10% <i>(BCom students: myBCom COMM3999 course points for PLO3)</i>	30%	N/A	Weekly
Assessment 2: Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual project (20%)• Group project (15%) <i>(BCom students: myBCom COMM3999 course points for PLO2 (individual) and PLO4 (group))</i>	35%	N/A	Two during the term
Assessment 3: Final Examination	35%	2 hours	Final examination period

Assessment Summary

As a student at UNSW you are expected to display [academic integrity](#) in your work and interactions. Where a student breaches the [UNSW Student Code](#) with respect to academic integrity, the University may take disciplinary action under the Student Misconduct Procedure. To assure academic integrity, you may be required to demonstrate reasoning, research and the process of constructing work submitted for assessment.

To assist you in understanding what academic integrity means, and how to ensure that you do comply with the UNSW Student Code, it is strongly recommended that you complete the [Working with Academic Integrity](#) module before submitting your first assessment task. It is a free, online self-paced Moodle module that should take about one hour to complete.

Weekly assignments (20% of total course mark) are administered through the Ed online platform. These will consist of short- and medium-length exercises to ensure that students stay current with the course material. Most tasks will be programming related, although some statistical and Financial econometric

work may be required. Multiple attempts are allowed, with only the final submission counting toward the course marks. Students are encouraged to communicate with the instructors and one another on these assignments through online forums. Students earn marks toward the contribution component of the grade (10% of the overall course mark) by posing well-thought questions or posting solutions. Two required projects give students the opportunity to apply the materials learned in class to solve Finance problems. The individual project will count for 20% of the total course mark and the group project will count for 15% of the total course mark. All projects must be submitted through ED. A two-hour final exam worth 35% of the overall course mark will consist of multiple choice, short-answer, and small coding tasks. This will be administered during the final exam period.

Assignment Submission Procedure

All assessment items will be submitted online. Specific instructions will be posted in Moodle during the term.

Assessment Feedback

Feedback on student performance from formative and summative assessment tasks will be provided to students in a timely manner. Assessment tasks completed within the teaching period of a course, other than a final assessment, will be assessed and students provided with feedback, with or without a provisional result, within 10 working days of submission, under normal circumstances. Feedback on continuous assessment tasks (e.g. laboratory and studio-based, workplace-based, weekly quizzes) will be provided prior to the midpoint of the course.

Special Consideration

You can apply for special consideration when illness or other circumstances beyond your control interfere with your performance in a specific assessment task or tasks, including online exams. Students studying remotely who have exams scheduled between 10pm and 7am local time, are also able to apply for special consideration to sit a supplementary exam at a time outside of these hours.

Special consideration is primarily intended to provide you with an extra opportunity to demonstrate the level of performance of which you are capable. To apply, and for further information, see Special Consideration on the UNSW [Current Students](#) page.

Special consideration applications will be assessed centrally by the Case Review Team, who will update the online application with the outcome and add any relevant comments. The change to the status of the application immediately sends an email to the student and to the assessor with the outcome of the application.

Please note the following:

1. Applications can only be made through Online Services in myUNSW. Applications will not be accepted by teaching staff. The lecturer-in-charge/course coordinator will be automatically notified when your application is processed.
2. Applying for special consideration does not automatically mean that you will be granted a supplementary exam or other concession.
3. If you experience illness or misadventure in the lead up to an exam or assessment, you must submit an application for special consideration, either prior to the examination taking place, or prior to the

- assessment submission deadline, except where illness or misadventure prevent you from doing so.
4. If your circumstances stop you from applying before your exam or assessment due date, you must apply within 3 working days of the assessment or the period covered by your supporting documentation.
 5. Under the UNSW Fit To Sit/Submit rule, if you sit the exam/submit an assignment, you are declaring yourself well enough to do so and are cannot subsequently apply for special consideration.
 6. If you become unwell on the day of – or during – an exam, you must stop working on your exam, advise your course coordinator or tutor and provide a medical certificate dated within 24 hours of the exam, with your special consideration application. For online exams, you must contact your course coordinator or tutor immediately via email, Moodle or chat and advise them you are unwell and submit screenshots of your conversation along with your medical certificate and application.
 7. Special consideration requests do not allow the awarding of additional marks to students.

Further information on Business School policy and procedure can be found under “Special Consideration” on the [Policies and Support](#) page.

Late Submission Penalties

Late submission will incur a penalty of 5% per day or part thereof (including weekends) from the due date and time. An assessment will not be accepted after 5 days (120 hours) of the original deadline unless special consideration has been approved. An assignment is considered late if the requested format, such as hard copy or electronic copy, has not been submitted on time or where the ‘wrong’ assignment has been submitted.

For assessments which account for 10% or less of the overall course grade, and where answers are immediately discussed or debriefed, the LIC may stipulate a different penalty. Details of such late penalties will be available on the course Moodle page.

The School of Banking and Finance supports the concept to leave the course lecturer-in-charge to stipulate a penalty of 0 to 10% of the percentage weight of the assessment component or part thereof per day. Details of such penalties will be available on the course Moodle page.

Applications for extension are restricted to cases of serious illness, bereavement or misadventure and students must provide documentary evidence. Decisions on such applications will be based on policies that are consistent with the policies adopted by UNSW Business School for such cases.

Protocol for Viewing Final Exam Scripts

UNSW students have the right to view their final exam scripts, subject to a small number of very specific exemptions. The UNSW Business School has set a [protocol under which students may view their final exam script](#). Individual schools within the Faculty may also set up a local process for viewing final exam scripts, so it is important that you check with your School. Further school-specific information may be included below.

Further to the Business School protocol for viewing final exam scripts:

1. A student must lodge a request to view their final exam script within 3 days immediately following the official release of overall course results. Applications must be made by completing the [online form](#).
2. The School may fix a time at which all students wishing to see their exams will be permitted to do so, and the School may fix a time for each course on that day. The School may refuse to allow access to the exams at other times.

Protocol for Viewing Other Exam Scripts is the similar to that of viewing final exam scripts except the working days are defined with reference to the release date of specific assessment result.

Quality Assurance

The Business School is actively monitoring student learning and quality of the student experience in all its programs. A random selection of completed assessment tasks may be used for quality assurance, such as to determine the extent to which program learning goals are being achieved. The information is required for accreditation purposes, and aggregated findings will be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of Business School programs. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential.

5. Course Resources

All course materials will be delivered through Moodle and Ed platforms. Students will need a computer and internet connection. Setup and configuration instructions will be available from Moodle.

Online discussion forums serve as the first point of contact between students and instructors. Instructors will actively monitor the boards. Please do not email instructors directly as online discussion allows information to be shared by everyone. Students should actively participate in the online discussion and may freely answer one another's questions. Good online etiquette is expected, and a failure to behave properly online may be punished with negative marking on the overall course grade.

There is no formal textbook for the course. A list of recommended reference books and other material will be available on Moodle.

6. Course Evaluation & Development

Feedback is regularly sought from students and continual improvements are made based on this feedback. At the end of this course, you will be asked to complete the [myExperience survey](#), which provides a key source of student evaluative feedback. Your input into this quality enhancement process is extremely valuable in assisting us to meet the needs of our students and provide an effective and enriching learning experience. The results of all surveys are carefully considered and do lead to action towards enhancing educational quality.

Toolkit for Finance has been developed in consultation with industry. We are continually updated the course and endeavour to make it interactive, enjoyable, and of practical use. Please feel free to contact any of the instructors should you have any suggestions.

7. Course Schedule

Note: for more information on the UNSW academic calendar and key dates including study period, exam, supplementary exam and result release, please visit: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/new-calendar-dates>

Week	Activity	Topic	Assessment/ Other
Week 1: 12 September 2022	Interactive lecture	Introduction to financial analysis with Python: Downloading stock prices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 2: 19 September 2022	Interactive lecture	Financial analysis with Python: The building blocks (I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 3: 26 September 2022	Interactive lecture	Financial analysis with Python: The building blocks (II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 4: 3 October 2022	Interactive lecture	Assessing and storing financial data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 5: 10 October 2022	Interactive lecture	Working with financial data in Pandas (I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 6: 17 October 2022	N/A	<i>Flexibility week</i>	N/A
Week 7: 24 October 2022	Interactive lecture	Working with financial data in Pandas (II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 8: 31 October 2022	Interactive lecture	Event studies in Finance (I): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with time-series • Course project: Do analyst recommendations affect stock prices? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution
Week 9: 7 November 2022	Interactive lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event studies in Finance (II): Design and techniques • Implementation of course project in Python (I) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution

Week	Activity	Topic	Assessment/ Other
Week 10: 14 November 2022	Interactive lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event studies in Finance (III) • Implementation of course project in Python (II) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly assignment • Course contribution

8. Policies and Support

Information about UNSW Business School program learning outcomes, academic integrity, student responsibilities and student support services. For information regarding special consideration, supplementary exams and viewing final exam scripts, please go to the [key policies and support](#) page.

Program Learning Outcomes

The Business School places knowledge and capabilities at the core of its curriculum via seven Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs). These PLOs are systematically embedded and developed across the duration of all coursework programs in the Business School.

PLOs embody the knowledge, skills and capabilities that are taught, practised and assessed within each Business School program. They articulate what you should know and be able to do upon successful completion of your degree.

Upon graduation, you should have a high level of specialised business knowledge and capacity for responsible business thinking, underpinned by ethical professional practice. You should be able to harness, manage and communicate business information effectively and work collaboratively with others. You should be an experienced problem-solver and critical thinker, with a global perspective, cultural competence and the potential for innovative leadership.

All UNSW programs and courses are designed to assess the attainment of program and/or course level learning outcomes, as required by the [UNSW Assessment Design Procedure](#). It is important that you become familiar with the Business School PLOs, as they constitute the framework which informs and shapes the components and assessments of the courses within your program of study.

PLO 1: Business knowledge

Students will make informed and effective selection and application of knowledge in a discipline or profession, in the contexts of local and global business.

PLO 2: Problem solving

Students will define and address business problems, and propose effective evidence-based solutions, through the application of rigorous analysis and critical thinking.

PLO 3: Business communication

Students will harness, manage and communicate business information effectively using multiple forms of communication across different channels.

PLO 4: Teamwork

Students will interact and collaborate effectively with others to achieve a common business purpose or fulfil a common business project, and reflect critically on the process and the outcomes.

PLO 5: Responsible business practice

Students will develop and be committed to responsible business thinking and approaches, which are underpinned by ethical professional practice and sustainability considerations.

PLO 6: Global and cultural competence

Students will be aware of business systems in the wider world and actively committed to recognise and respect the cultural norms, beliefs and values of others, and will apply this knowledge to interact, communicate and work effectively in diverse environments.

PLO 7: Leadership development

Students will develop the capacity to take initiative, encourage forward thinking and bring about innovation, while effectively influencing others to achieve desired results.

These PLOs relate to undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs. For PG Research PLOs, including Master of Pre-Doctoral Business Studies, please refer to the [UNSW HDR Learning Outcomes](#)

Business School [course outlines](#) provide detailed information for students on how the course learning outcomes, learning activities, and assessment/s contribute to the development of Program Learning Outcomes.

UNSW Graduate Capabilities

The Business School PLOs also incorporate [UNSW graduate capabilities](#), a set of generic abilities and skills that all students are expected to achieve by graduation. These capabilities articulate the University's institutional values, as well as future employer expectations.

UNSW Graduate Capabilities	Business School PLOs
Scholars capable of independent and collaborative enquiry, rigorous in their analysis, critique and reflection, and able to innovate by applying their knowledge and skills to the solution of novel as well as routine problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLO 1: Business knowledge • PLO 2: Problem solving • PLO 3: Business communication • PLO 4: Teamwork • PLO 7: Leadership development
Entrepreneurial leaders capable of initiating and embracing innovation and change, as well as engaging and enabling others to contribute to change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLO 1: Business knowledge • PLO 2: Problem solving • PLO 3: Business communication • PLO 4: Teamwork • PLO 6: Global and cultural competence • PLO 7: Leadership development
Professionals capable of ethical, self-directed practice and independent lifelong learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLO 1: Business knowledge • PLO 2: Problem solving • PLO 3: Business communication • PLO 5: Responsible business practice
Global citizens who are culturally adept and capable of respecting diversity and acting in a socially just and responsible way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLO 1: Business knowledge • PLO 2: Problem solving • PLO 3: Business communication • PLO 4: Teamwork • PLO 5: Responsible business practice • PLO 6: Global and cultural competence

While our programs are designed to provide coverage of all PLOs and graduate capabilities, they also provide you with a great deal of choice and flexibility. The Business School strongly advises you to choose a range of courses that assist your development against the seven PLOs and four graduate capabilities, and to keep a record of your achievements as part of your portfolio. You can use a portfolio as evidence in employment applications as well as a reference for work or further study. For support

with selecting your courses contact the UNSW Business School [Student Services team](#) .

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic Integrity is honest and responsible scholarship. This form of ethical scholarship is highly valued at UNSW. Terms like Academic Integrity, misconduct, referencing, conventions, plagiarism, academic practices, citations and evidence based learning are all considered basic concepts that successful university students understand. Learning how to communicate original ideas, refer sources, work independently, and report results accurately and honestly are skills that you will be able to carry beyond your studies.

The definition of academic misconduct is broad. It covers practices such as cheating, copying and using another person's work without appropriate acknowledgement. Incidents of academic misconduct may have serious consequences for students.

Plagiarism

UNSW regards plagiarism as a form of academic misconduct. UNSW has very strict rules regarding plagiarism. Plagiarism at UNSW is using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own. All Schools in the Business School have a Student Ethics Officer who will investigate incidents of plagiarism and may result in a student's name being placed on the Plagiarism and Student Misconduct Registers.

Below are examples of plagiarism including self-plagiarism: Copying: Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment, without appropriate acknowledgement of authorship.

Inappropriate Paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: Presenting work as independent work when it has been produced in whole or part in collusion with other people. Collusion includes:

- Students providing their work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time
- Paying another person to perform an academic task and passing it off as your own
- Stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it
- Offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work

Collusion should not be confused with academic collaboration (i.e., shared contribution towards a group task).

Inappropriate Citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the 'secondary' source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Self-Plagiarism: 'Self-plagiarism' occurs where an author republishes their own previously written work

and presents it as new findings without referencing the earlier work, either in its entirety or partially. Self-plagiarism is also referred to as 'recycling', 'duplication', or 'multiple submissions of research findings' without disclosure. In the student context, self-plagiarism includes re-using parts of, or all of, a body of work that has already been submitted for assessment without proper citation.

To see if you understand plagiarism, do this short quiz: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism-quiz>

Cheating

The University also regards cheating as a form of academic misconduct. Cheating is knowingly submitting the work of others as their own and includes **contract cheating** (work produced by an external agent or third party that is submitted under the pretences of being a student's original piece of work). Cheating is not acceptable at UNSW.

If you need to revise or clarify any terms associated with academic integrity you should explore the 'Working with Academic Integrity' self-paced lessons available at: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/aim>.

For UNSW policies, penalties, and information to help you avoid plagiarism see: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism> as well as the guidelines in the online ELISE tutorials for all new UNSW students: <http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise>. For information on student conduct see: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/conduct>.

For information on how to acknowledge your sources and reference correctly, see: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/referencing>. If you are unsure what referencing style to use in this course, you should ask the lecturer in charge.

Student Responsibilities and Conduct

Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to university policies in relation to class attendance and general conduct and behaviour, including maintaining a safe, respectful environment; and to understand their obligations in relation to workload, assessment and keeping informed.

Information and policies on these topics can be found on the ['Managing your Program' website](#).

Workload

It is expected that you will spend at least **ten to twelve hours per week** studying for a course except for Summer Term courses which have a minimum weekly workload of **twenty to twenty four hours**. This time should be made up of reading, research, working on exercises and problems, online activities and attending classes. In periods where you need to complete assignments or prepare for examinations, the workload may be greater. Over-commitment has been a cause of failure for many students. You should take the required workload into account when planning how to balance study with employment and other activities.

We strongly encourage you to connect with your **Moodle course websites** in the **first week of semester**. Local and international research indicates that students who engage early and often with their course website are more likely to pass their course.

[View more information on expected workload](#)

Attendance and Engagement

Your regular attendance and active engagement in all scheduled classes and online learning activities is expected in this course. Failure to attend / engage in assessment tasks that are integrated into learning activities (e.g. class discussion, presentations) will be reflected in the marks for these assessable

activities. The Business School may refuse final assessment to those students who attend less than 80% of scheduled classes where attendance and participation is required as part of the learning process (e.g. tutorials, flipped classroom sessions, seminars, labs, etc.). If you are not able to regularly attend classes, you should consult the relevant Course Authority.

[View more information on attendance](#)

General Conduct and Behaviour

You are expected to conduct yourself with consideration and respect for the needs of your fellow students and teaching staff. Conduct which unduly disrupts or interferes with a class, such as ringing or talking on mobile phones, is not acceptable and students may be asked to leave the class.

[View more information on student conduct](#)

Health and Safety

UNSW Policy requires each person to work safely and responsibly, in order to avoid personal injury and to protect the safety of others.

[View more information on Health and Safety](#)

Keeping Informed

You should take note of all announcements made in lectures, tutorials or on the course web site. From time to time, the University will send important announcements to your university e-mail address without providing you with a paper copy. You will be deemed to have received this information. It is also your responsibility to keep the University informed of all changes to your contact details.

Student Support and Resources

The University and the Business School provide a wide range of support services and resources for students, including:

[Business School Learning Support Tools](#)

Business School provides support a wide range of free resources and services to help students in-class and out-of-class, as well as online. These include:

- [Academic Communication Essentials](#) – A range of academic communication workshops, modules and resources to assist you in developing your academic communication skills.
- [Learning consultations](#) – Meet learning consultants who have expertise in business studies, literacy, numeracy and statistics, writing, referencing, and researching at university level.
- [PASS classes](#) – Study sessions facilitated by students who have previously and successfully completed the course.
- [Educational Resource Access Scheme](#) – To support the inclusion and success of students from equity groups enrolled at UNSW Sydney in first year undergraduate Business programs.

[The Nucleus - Business School Student Services team](#)

The Nucleus Student Services team provides advice and direction on all aspects of enrolment and graduation. Level 2, Main Library, Kensington 02 8936 7005 / <https://nucleus.unsw.edu.au/en/contact-us>

[Business School Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)

The Business School Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee strives to ensure that every student is empowered to have equal access to education. The Business School provides a vibrant, safe, and equitable environment for education, research, and engagement that embraces diversity and treats all people with dignity and respect. [Email](#)

[UNSW Academic Skills](#)

Resources and support – including workshops, individual consultations and a range of online resources – to help you develop and refine your academic skills. See their website for details.

[Email](#)

[Student Support Advisors](#)

Student Support Advisors work with all students to promote the development of skills needed to succeed at university, whilst also providing personal support throughout the process.

John Goodsell Building, Ground Floor.

[Email](#)

02 9385 4734

[International Student Support](#)

The International Student Experience Unit (ISEU) is the first point of contact for international students. ISEU staff are always here to help with personalised advice and information about all aspects of university life and life in Australia.

[Advisors](#) can support you with your student visa, health and wellbeing, making friends, accommodation and academic performance.

[Email](#)

02 9385 4734

[Equitable Learning Services](#)

Equitable Learning Services (formerly Disability Support Services) is a free and confidential service that provides practical support to ensure that your health condition doesn't adversely affect your studies.

[Register with the service](#) to receive educational adjustments.

Ground Floor, John Goodsell Building.

[Email](#)

02 9385 4734

[UNSW Counselling and Psychological Services](#)

Provides support and services if you need help with your personal life, getting your academic life back on track or just want to know how to stay safe, including free, confidential counselling.

Level 2, East Wing, Quadrangle Building.

[Email](#)

02 9385 5418

[Library services and facilities for students](#)

The UNSW Library offers a range of collections, services and facilities both on-campus and online.

Main Library, F21.

02 9065 9444

[Moodle eLearning Support](#)

Moodle is the University's learning management system. You should ensure that you log into Moodle regularly.

[Email](#)

02 9385 3331

[UNSW IT](#)

UNSW IT provides support and services for students such as password access, email services, wireless services and technical support.

UNSW Library Annexe (Ground floor).
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Support for Studying Online

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We recognise that completing quizzes and exams online can be challenging for a number of reasons, including the possibility of technical glitches or lack of reliable internet. We recommend you review the [Online Exam Preparation Checklist](#) of things to prepare when sitting an online exam.