C31FV Finance and Investment

**COURSE DETAILS**
- **Course Code:** C31FV
- **Full Course Title:** Finance and Investment
- **SCQF Level:** 11
- **SCAF Credits:** 15
- **Available as Elective:** No

**DELIVERY LEVEL**
- Undergraduate: No
- Postgraduate Taught: Yes
- Postgraduate Research: No

**Additional Information:**

**COURSE AIMS**
To install in successful candidates the ability to apply, in simple situations, the principles of actuarial planning and control to the appraisal of investments, and to the selection and management of investments appropriate to the needs of investors.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY**
- Display knowledge of the principles of finance and investment management;
- Apply the principles of actuarial planning and control to the appraisal, selection and management of investments;
- Critically analyse the issues involved in the topics introduced.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES**
- Understand the context within which investment management professionals work;
- Demonstrate the ability to learn independently;
- Communicate ideas effectively by written and verbal means;
- Recognise, evaluate and comment critically on alternative points of view;
- Develop skills of planning and organising their own learning.

**SYLLABUS**
- The legislative and regulatory framework for investment management
- Typical ways in which investment returns are taxed and the effect of the taxation basis on investor behaviour
- Methods for the valuation of individual investments and their appropriateness in different situations
- Methods by which an institution can monitor and control its exposure to the relevant types of risk
- Distinctive characteristics of specialist financial instruments
- Derivative contracts: how they are traded, their payoffs and use
- Use of actuarial techniques to develop an appropriate investment strategy
- Principal techniques in portfolio management including risk control techniques
- Current topics in finance and investment e.g. outlook for the main investment markets

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